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Shiite Shrine Attack Sparks Fears

SCENE OF DESTRUCTION: The Askaariya Shrine in Samarra, Iraq, is seen in 2004, top, and then after an attack Wednesday that toppled the holy site's minarets. Al-Qaeda was suspected in the blasts, which fueled new fears of a surge in sectarian violence a year after the mosque's Golden Dome was destroyed in another attack. **❖ Curfew:** Iraq seeks support from American troops | **Page 8**

New Gun Bill OK'd In House

Post-Va. Tech measure eyes tougher background checks

WASHINGTON | The House moved swiftly Wednesday to fix flaws in the national gun background check system that allowed the Virginia Tech shooter to buy guns despite his mental health problems.

The legislation, passed by voice vote, was endorsed by the National Rifle Association, boosting its chances of becoming the first major gun control law in more than a decade.

The measure would require states to automate their lists of convicted criminals and the mentally ill who are prohibited under a 1968 law from buying firearms and report those lists to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS.

Seung-Hui Cho, who in April killed 32 students and faculty at Virginia Tech before taking his own life, had been ordered to undergo outpatient mental health treatment and should have been barred from buying the two guns he used in the rampage. But the commonwealth of Virginia never forwarded this information to the national background check system.

The House action came as a panel ordered by President Bush to investigate the Virginia Tech shootings issued its findings, including a recommendation that legal and financial barriers to NICS submissions be addressed.

The House bill next moves to the Senate, where gun control advocate Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said there was a "very strong" chance of passage. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

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DRINKS | Cuke Is It Japanese are staying cool as cucumbers this summer with Pepsi Ice Cucumber — a new soda based on the crisp green gourd. The soft drink, which hit stores on Tuesday, doesn't actually have any cucumber in it — but it has been artificial-



ly flavored to resemble "the refreshing taste of a fresh cucumber," said Aya Takemoto, spokeswoman for Japan's Pepsi distributor, Suntory Ltd. The mint-colored soda is on sale just for the summer and is available only in Japan. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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PARKING

Truck Dumped

Police in Decatur, Ala., are trying to determine how a 1-ton municipal dump truck wound up at the bottom of the Point Mallard Park wave pool. Officials said they suspect a maintenance worker could have been responsible for submerging the vehicle in the 8-foot-deep pool at the J. Gilmer Blackburn Aquatic Center. Officers noticed several garbage bags floating in the water about 5 a.m. Sunday and had to move closer to make out the shadowy object at the bottom. A wrecker service eventually was called in to haul the truck out of the water. An empty beer can, an unidentified vial and a pair of blue swim trunks were also found near the truck. No arrests have been made. (AP)



AGING

Insane Pampering of Pets Hits New Zenith

Japan will get its first nursing home for dogs with round-the-clock monitoring by doctors and a team of puppies to help aging pooches feel younger, a pet products company said Wednesday.

Owners will pay 98,000 yen — the equivalent of \$800 in the U.S. — per month to keep their dogs at the Soladi Care Home for pets, which opens Friday. Veterinarians at the home — which can care for up to 20 dogs — will offer round-the-clock monitoring, and residents will be fed specially fortified food, the company said. (AP)



VINCENT YU/AP

METHOD ACTING

Panda-Monium

Ever wonder what cute, slothful little Tai Shan will look like when he grows up and returns to the Far East? Let's hope it's nothing like these two actors, who dressed as giant pandas outside a Hong Kong shopping mall on Wednesday to mark the 10th anniversary of the city's switch from British to Chinese control. The costumes are understandable — presumably, it's a paid gig — but carrying around bamboo all day is just plain weird. Even real pandas would think so. (AP)



If corporate icons cast in cement aren't safe, what is this country coming to?

CHIEF SUSPECT

APB on the Hamburglar

A broken Ronald McDonald statue that a Stewartstown, Pa., McDonald's assistant manager brought home, repaired and used to decorate her family's lawn for 20 years has vanished. "It was a holiday today," said Thomas Grieger II, whose wife, Joy, worked at McDonald's. "I think the kids came and got him." State police were seeking information about the cement statue that Grieger estimated must weigh about 300 pounds. (AP)

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In Brief



Cpl. Adam Kokesh wore his uniform to an anti-war demonstration in March.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Veteran Seen at Protest Receives General Discharge

An Iraq war veteran is being kicked out of the Marines days early with a general discharge after he wore his uniform during an anti-war demonstration, the military announced Wednesday. The military said Lt. Gen. John W. Bergman, commanding general of Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, agreed Monday to give Cpl. Adam Kokesh the general discharge, one notch short of honorable. (AP)

DELAWARE, WIS.

Shooting That Killed 6 Was Murder-Suicide, Police Say

A weekend shooting that left six people dead in an apartment, including twin baby boys, was a murder-suicide committed by the father of the children, police said Wednesday. Ambrosio Analco killed infants Isaiah and Argenis Analco, his ex-girlfriend, Nicole McAfee, and two other people before shooting himself, police Chief Tim O'Neill said. (AP)

Attorney Probe Targets Bush Aides

Congress subpoenas former White House staffers Miers, Taylor

WASHINGTON | Congress issued subpoenas Wednesday for former presidential counsel Harriet Miers and political director Sara Taylor, reaching directly inside the White House for the first time in the probe of the firings of federal prosecutors.

The Bush administration appeared in no hurry to encourage the pair to testify, as the subpoenas demanded. Complying could set a precedent for testimony by another adviser not yet on the subpoena list: presidential counselor Karl Rove.

The Democratic chairmen of House and Senate committees implicitly threatened a constitutional



Harriet Miers, former counsel to President Bush, was subpoenaed by Congress on Wednesday as part of an investigation into the firings of federal prosecutors.

showdown if the White House does not comply with the subpoenas.

"This investigation will not end until the White House complies with the demands of this subpoena in a timely and reasonable manner so that we may get to the bottom of this," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich.

White House officials pointed out that White House counsel Fred Fielding already has offered a compromise by suggesting that Miers, Taylor, Rove and their deputies be interviewed by committee aides in closed-door sessions without transcripts.

Leahy's subpoena compels Taylor's testimony on July 11, while Conyers subpoenaed Miers to appear the next day. LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)

NASA Exploring Repair Techniques

Sewing kit may be used to fix shuttle's torn thermal blanket

HOUSTON | Atlantis astronauts may use a sewing kit normally reserved for spacesuits to repair a peeled-back thermal blanket near the spacecraft's tail, NASA managers said Tuesday.

The shuttle astronauts' 11-day mission was extended Monday by two days to allow time to fix the thermal blanket, which peeled dur-



Atlantis astronaut Jim Reilly works on the international space station.

ing the launch last week.

No final decision has been made about when the repair, which covers

a 4-by-6-inch area over an engine pod, will be made or which repair technique will be used.

Engineers have looked at using duct tape or other adhesives to secure the blanket, but are leaning toward a method that would use stainless steel wire as thread and an instrument with a rounded end resembling a small darning needle.

"Duct tape doesn't work in the vacuum of space," said John Shannon, the mission management team's chairman. (AP)

Panel Rejects Weight-Loss Pill

WASHINGTON | Federal health advisers unanimously rejected a weight-loss drug Wednesday after hearing testimony that it increases the risk of suicidal thoughts, even in patients without a history of depression. The manufacturer, Sanofi-Aventis SA, further failed to show the drug rimonabant is safe, the panel said. The back-to-back, 14-0 votes by the expert panel made it unlikely the Food and Drug Administration will approve the drug. The agency usually follows its panel's advice. (AP)

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PICK A SIDE: Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has won the endorsement of famed director Steven Spielberg, ending a tug-of-war between Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama for the Hollywood heavyweight's affections.

General Sees Growth in Iraqi Forces

Dempsey says forces are slowly gaining in skill and commitment

WASHINGTON | Most Iraqi military units arriving in Baghdad for an American-led security crackdown have only 75 percent of their assigned soldiers, a senior Army general said Wednesday.

The slow development of Iraqi security forces — and continued sectarian violence — raise doubts about when Iraq will be able to stand on its own and what the consequences of a U.S. troop withdrawal would be.

In an assessment he termed cautiously optimistic, Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey told a Pentagon news conference that Iraqi security forces are gradually improving in skill and commitment. However, he said, they must be expanded again next year to fill gaps in units in Baghdad.

His remarks were largely in line with a report submitted to Congress on Wednesday in which



Army Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey testifies Wednesday on the progress of Iraqi security forces. The general gave an assessment he termed cautiously optimistic.

the Pentagon said it was too early to judge how the Baghdad security plan was working. It said Iraqi forces are generally performing up to expectations, but there are trou-

bling indications that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is not living up fully to his promise not to allow political interference in execution of the security crackdown.

Based on an assessment of Iraqi security forces' performance so far in the Baghdad security push, which began in February, Dempsey said it was recently decided that Iraqi forces should be increased by another 20,000 this year — on top of a 45,000 increase initiated last year — to a total of 390,000.

When asked about Dempsey's disclosure of plans for another expansion of the Iraqi forces, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said it was "just a realistic assessment base on conditions on the ground" in Iraq. And he added that the size of the increase was uncertain.

"The need for additional forces," Gates said — which he then referred to as a forecast rather than a fact — "these forecasts are not, in my opinion, are not written in stone. They're estimates on what they expect the need will be." ROBERT BURNS (AP)



Gates

Gillespie Chosen As Bush Counsel

WASHINGTON | Ed Gillespie, a high-dollar Washington lobbyist and longtime go-to guy for President Bush and the Republican Party, is replacing Dan Bartlett as White House counselor.



Gillespie

"He is a seasoned hand who has got excellent judgment. He's a good strategic thinker that I know will do a fine job," Bush said after having lunch with Gillespie and Bartlett. (AP)

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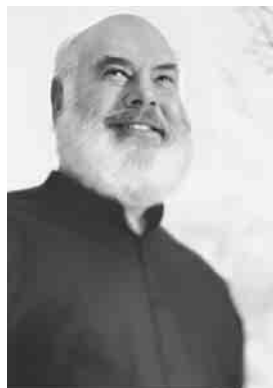
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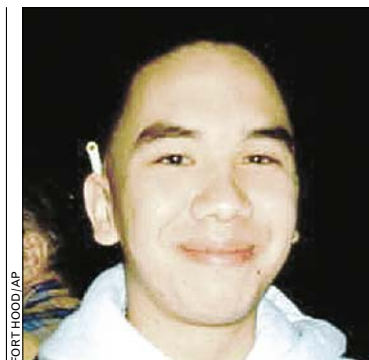
Dehydration Cited In Soldier's Death

Sergeant went missing
last week during test
of navigation skills

FORT HOOD, TEXAS | A soldier who
went missing for four days after
a solo navigation exercise died
of hyperthermia and dehydra-
tion, according to autopsy results
released Wednesday.

The body of Sgt. Lawrence G.
Sprader, 25, was found Tuesday
night in a brushy area on the cen-
tral Texas Army post's training
ground, said Eddy Howton, Fort
Hood's director of emergency ser-
vices. About 3,000 people, includ-
ing soldiers, covered more than 30
square miles searching for him.

Officials have said Sprader had
two canteens of water, a water back-
pack and two Meals Ready to Eat
when he left. His body was found
near plenty of drinking water from
creeks and other sources, said Rob-



U.S. Army Sgt. Lawrence G. Sprader,
25, was found dead on Tuesday night.

ert Volk, Fort Hood's chief game
warden.

Officials do not suspect foul play,
said Lt. Col. Carter Oates, command-
er of the 11th MP Battalion, Crimi-
nal Investigations Division.

Sprader disappeared Friday dur-
ing an exercise testing basic map-
reading and navigation skills in a
rugged exercise area at the sprawl-
ing central Texas post. (AP)



BACK IN PERU: The United States returned more than 400 stolen
artifacts worth millions of dollars to Peru's government Wednesday,
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FOXY TROT: A Chinese education official has rejected worries that planned waltz lessons for high school students will spark love and distract them from studying, state media reported. Officials say frequently changing dance partners would cut the chances of love developing.

In Brief



European company EADS hopes to have its first space tourism flight by 2012.

PARIS

Model of Jet to Take Tourists Into Space Unveiled

European aerospace company EADS unveiled Wednesday a model of a jet designed to take tourists into space, rocketing paying passengers to weightlessness 62.14 miles above the earth's surface. EADS Astrium said it hoped the space jet will be operational by next year, with the first flight scheduled for 2012. Tickets are expected to sell for \$200,000-\$265,000, the company said. (AP)

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Police Questioning Alleged Leader of Jemaah Islamiyah

Indonesia's most-wanted terrorist was being interrogated Wednesday following his weekend arrest on suspicion of involvement in the 2002 Bali bombings and several other deadly strikes, police said. Abu Dujana, who allegedly leads the Southeast Asian militant group Jemaah Islamiyah, speaks Arabic fluently, is a skilled bomb-maker and trained in Afghanistan, where he met Osama bin Laden, said police spokesman Sisno Adiwino. (AP)

BEIJING

Teacher Sentenced to Death For Raping 18 Schoolgirls

A teacher in northwestern China has been sentenced to death for raping 18 primary schoolgirls, the second such case in the same area, state media reported Wednesday. Cheng Laifu, a teacher in Changhe township in Dingxi city in Gansu province, was convicted of raping the 18 third- and fourth-grade students on 70 separate occasions between September 2001 and March 2005, the Xinhua News Agency said. The victims were 9 and 10. (AP)

Bombers Hit Revered Shiite Shrine

Blasts topple minarets on key mosque, stoking Iraq's sectarian tension

BAGHDAD | In a bold blow to Iraqi hopes for peace, suspected al-Qaeda bombers toppled the towering minarets of Samarra's revered Shiite shrine on Wednesday, adding new provocation to old wounds a year after the mosque's Golden Dome was destroyed.

The attack stoked fears of a surge in violence between Muslim sects. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's government rushed to contain Shiite wrath against Sunnis. It clamped a curfew on Baghdad and asked for U.S. troop reinforcements in Samarra and for a heightened American military alert in the capital.

But sketchy reports of sectarian strife began to come in. Police told of at least four Sunni mosques in Baghdad and south of the capital attacked by arsonists and bomb-



OUTRAGE: Iraqi Shiites in the city of Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad, take part in a march Wednesday to protest the bombing of the Askariya shrine in Samarra.

ers, and of a smaller Shiite shrine bombed north of here.

The Samarra attack also threatened to deepen Iraq's political cri-

sis, as the 30-member bloc of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr immediately suspended its participation in parliament in protest.

The Golden Dome bombing in February 2006, at one of Iraqi Shiism's holiest sites, was also blamed on Sunni militants linked to al-Qaeda. That attack unleashed a bloodbath of reprisals — of Shiite death-squad murders of Sunnis and Sunni bombing attacks on Shiites.

Wednesday's stunning attack came in near-simultaneous explosions at about 9 a.m., completely bringing down the two slender golden minarets, 100 feet tall, that had flanked the dome's ruins.

How the attackers evaded the Askariya shrine's guard force, strengthened considerably after the 2006 bombing, was a mystery.

Al-Maliki said policemen at the shrine were detained for questioning — 15 of them, according to a senior U.S. military official.

A few hundred U.S. soldiers had been stationed around Samarra but had left shrine security to Iraqi forces. CHARLES J. HANLEY (AP)

Khmer Rouge Tribunal Judges Agree on Rules

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA | Cambodian and foreign judges announced rules Wednesday clearing the way for a U.N.-assisted genocide tribunal to begin investigating Khmer Rouge leaders in the deaths of 1.7 million people during their 1975-79 communist regime.

The rules were one of the judges' last major tasks before they could begin working on the cases, but it was unlikely the trials would start anytime soon. That is a growing concern as there is a chance the aging defendants could all die before they are brought to justice. The top Khmer Rouge leader, Pol Pot, died in 1998.

Cambodia and the United Nations created the genocide tribunal last year under a deal reached in 2003. The 17 Cambodian and 12 foreign judges and prosecutors have spent the last six months in sometimes rancorous disagreement on guidelines for the trials. (AP)

Lawmaker Killed in Beirut Bombing

Anti-Syrian official, 9 others left dead in powerful car blast

BEIRUT, LEBANON | A vocal anti-Syrian lawmaker and at least nine other people were killed when a bomb ripped through his car on Beirut's popular sea-front Wednesday in the latest assassination of a Lebanese opponent of Damascus, a heavy new blow to the stability of this conflict-torn nation.

The blast came days after the government began work putting together an international tribunal ordered by the United Nations to try suspects in the previous killings, a step strongly opposed by Syria and its allies in Lebanon.

The slain lawmaker, Walid Eido, was a prominent supporter of the tribunal. He is the seventh anti-Syrian figure killed in the past two years, starting with the February 2005 death of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in a massive Beirut suicide car bombing. Many



A Lebanese soldier stands in front of the bombing scene in Beirut on Wednesday.

Lebanese have accused Syria of being behind the slayings, a claim Damascus denies.

Eido's supporters quickly blamed Syria in Wednesday's assassination. Hariri's son, Saad Hariri, the leader of the anti-Syrian bloc in parliament, indirectly accused Damascus, saying "agencies of evil" seeking "Lebanon's submission" carried out the blast.

Syria controlled Lebanon for 29 years until it was forced out following Hariri's assassination, and its Lebanese opponents believe it is seeking to regain domination by throwing the country into chaos.

U.S.-backed Prime Minister Fuad Saniora declared Thursday a national day of mourning and called for an emergency meeting of Arab leaders. BASSEM MROUE (AP)



IN THE DEEP: A global wildlife trade watchdog agreed Wednesday to regulate sales of red coral, which conservationists say is under threat from over fishing for the jewelry industry. Exporters will have to prove that the coral was harvested without threatening the species' survival before they can sell it.

World

Fierce Fighting Engulfs Gaza Strip

Hamas launches new attacks on Fatah bases as residents hide in fear

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Hamas fighters launched a fierce offensive on Gaza City Wednesday, firing mortars and rockets at Fatah's main security bases and the president's compound as the Islamic group appeared close to taking control of the entire Gaza Strip.

With fighting raging on rooftops and streets across Gaza, residents huddled in fear in their homes.

At least 15 people were killed Wednesday, bringing the total in four days of infighting to nearly 60. Among those killed Wednesday was a man shot when Hamas gunmen fired on a peaceful protest against the violence, witnesses said.



CITY IN CHAOS: Palestinian gunmen help an elderly woman take cover amid a protest in Gaza City on Wednesday that ended in violence between Fatah and Hamas.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah called the fighting "madness" and pleaded with the exiled leader of Hamas to halt the violence.

Abbas and Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas issued a joint statement after nightfall, calling on all sides "to halt fighting, and to return to language of dialogue and respect of agreements," according to a statement from Abbas' office.

Hamas radio denied the two had agreed to a truce, and clashes intensified in the hour after their statement was broadcast.

Hamas gunmen neutralized the main strongholds of the Fatah-linked security forces, ruling the streets and taking control of large parts of Gaza in the process.

Abbas' forces — desperately try-

BLOODSHED IN GAZA

→ **Why are Palestinians fighting each other in the Gaza Strip?**

After the Fatah movement of moderate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was trounced in general elections by Hamas last year, Abbas kept the main security forces under direct presidential control, prompting the Hamas-led government to put its own armed supporters on the streets. The spiraling power struggle between the two groups, fueled by clan rivalries, has erupted in waves of violence since then. (AP)

ing to cling to their besieged bases in Gaza — lashed out at the president, saying he left them with no directions and no support in the fight.

The fighting casts doubt on the future of the joint Hamas-Fatah government, set up in March to stop the bloodshed. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

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World



A German soldier visits the Dokumentation Obersalzberg exhibition center at the foot of Adolf Hitler's former Bavarian Alps getaway in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

German Town Bears Big Burden

Site of Hitler's former hideaway works hard to redefine its legacy

BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY | The narrow road climbed higher and higher, first past pastures, then leaving even the fir trees to reach blinding, snowcapped peaks.

But as Erin Kelly stepped into a claustrophobic tunnel on the last leg of her journey to the Eagle's Nest, she was ready for jolting contrasts.

Just imagining Adolf Hitler walking down the same dimly lit shaft gave her a chill.

"I definitely felt something walking through the tunnel," said the 23-year-old tourist from Greenwich, Conn. "It was kind of eerie thinking about the person who went through here."

During the 1930s and 1940s, Berchtesgaden and the Eagle's Nest — about 6,000 feet high in the Bavarian Alps — were Hitler's personal playground where he frolicked with mistress Eva Braun and Blondi, his dog.

It was the Fuehrer's second seat of power outside Berlin, a place where he plotted conquest and genocide. Ever since Allied troops captured it, Berchtesgaden has

struggled under the weight of the Hitler heritage and the question of whether it could ever return to being simply a nice place to visit.

The Eagle's Nest is now a restaurant, and Berchtesgaden itself, a five-mile winding drive downhill from the Nest, is a cozy village with pubs and mountain views.

The only Nazi symbols on view are at the Dokumentation Obersalzberg exhibition center at the foot of the Eagle's Nest and close to the InterContinental Berchtesgaden, a luxury hotel that opened two years ago.

The area has not become a neo-Nazi shrine, as many feared. Instead, graffiti scribbled on the wall of the bunker complex say "never again."

A picture of a mass execution of Jews, the recorded voice of a Holocaust survivor — the exhibits are the bleak counterpoint to the bucolic scenes outside.

Initially, the center expected 30,000 to 40,000 visitors a year. Last year, there were 166,000, and last month it welcomed its millionth visitor.

"It is very important for Berchtesgaden," said Linda Pfnuer, the head of the center. "This is an opportunity to clear up all the questions." **RAF CASERT (AP)**



GET BUSY DYING: Maryland's declining honeybee population can be attributed to weather trends, not a national trend of strange disease, according to the state's top beekeeper, Jerry Fischer. Maryland has lost 45 percent of its bees in the last year.

Local

Marion Barry Acquitted of Drunken Driving

WASHINGTON | District of Columbia Councilman and former Mayor Marion Barry was acquitted Wednesday on charges of drunken driving and other related offenses stemming from his arrest last year near the White House.

Barry, 71, was charged with driving under the influence, operating a vehicle while impaired, driving an unregistered vehicle and misuse of temporary tags. Secret Service agents who stopped Barry's car early on Sept. 10, 2006, said he stopped at a green light and drove through a red one. The agents testified that Barry smelled of alcohol, was stumbling and had red eyes and slurred speech.

His attorney, Frederick Cooke, said the problems that led to Barry's arrest were the result of his age and medications he was taking for diabetes and high blood pressure. In his ruling, D.C. Superior Court Judge Richard Ringell said he could not find beyond a reasonable doubt that Barry was intoxicated. He noted a breathalyzer test later in the evening registered a blood-alcohol content of .02, well below the legal limit of .08. (AP)

HEARSAY | SHOOTING

"No amount of money could be adequate to replace our son."

—PARENTS OF 18-YEAR-OLD AARON BROWN AN UNARMED TEENAGER WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY AN OFF-DUTY ALEXANDRIA POLICE OFFICER OUTSIDE AN INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PANCAKES IN 2006. THE COUNTY AND THE FAMILY AGREED ON A SETTLEMENT OF \$1.1 MILLION.

Pant Suit Laughed at in Courtroom

Decision is expected next week in \$54M claim against cleaners

WASHINGTON | A judge who is suing a dry cleaner for \$54 million testified Wednesday that he believes a merchant should pay any customer who demands compensation, even if the merchant believes the customer is lying.

Administrative law judge Roy L. Pearson, who sued the immigrant-owned business after he says it lost his pants, argues that he is acting in the interest of all city residents against poor business practices. Defense attorneys call his claim "outlandish." Attorneys delivered closing arguments Wednesday, and Judge Judith Bartnoff said she would rule by the end of next week.

Under cross-examination Wednesday, Pearson said the D.C.



Attorney Chris Manning, left, looks on as attorney Mendi Sossamon holds the pants in question outside D.C. Superior Court on Tuesday afternoon in Northwest D.C.

Consumer Protection Act, under which he is suing Custom Cleaners, should grant a customer whatever

he or she wants if there is a "Satisfaction Guaranteed" sign.

Defense attorney Chris Manning

asked Pearson repeatedly whether, if he was a merchant, he would pay any customer who asked for compensation. Pearson kept responding with convoluted legal language, and each time Judge Bartnoff instructed him to answer the question. Finally, he said, "Yes."

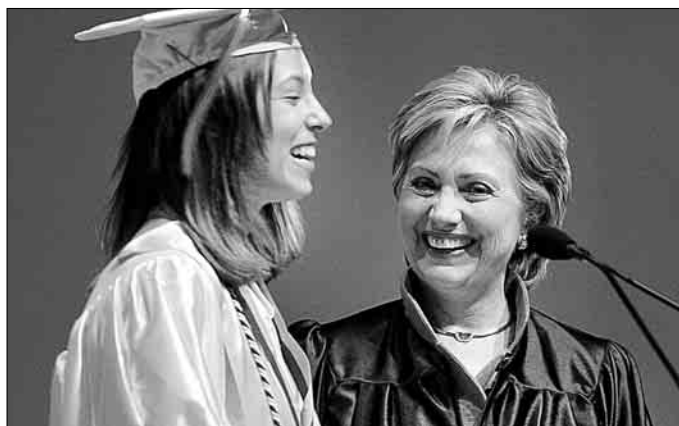
"So, does that make sense for you instead of going down the street to another dry cleaner, to sue a business for \$67 million?" Manning asked. Pearson said it did.

"Does that make any sense at all?" Manning asked, to laughter from the courtroom.

Manning portrayed Pearson as a bitter man with financial troubles taking out his anger on a hardworking family. Pearson confirmed he was without a job when his problems with the dry cleaner started.

On Tuesday, Pearson choked up during testimony and left the courtroom with tears streaming down his face. LUBNA TAKRURI (AP)

SCHOOL'S OUT | CLINTON SPEAKS AT GRADUATION



TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW: Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, right, talks with McLean High School senior Rachel Bensinger, left, after speaking at the school's graduation ceremony at DAR Constitution Hall on Wednesday.

Report: Privacy Laws Difficult to Decipher

WASHINGTON | Schools, doctors and police often do not share information about potentially dangerous students because they can't figure out complicated and overlapping privacy laws, according to a federal report released Wednesday about the Virginia Tech shootings.

As a result, information that could be used to get troubled students counseling or prevent them from buying handguns never makes it to the appropriate agency, the report by three Cabinet agencies said.

President Bush ordered the report in April after Virginia Tech student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 students and faculty before taking his own life in what was the worst massacre in modern U.S. history.

Cho's roommates noticed he had problems, his professors expressed concern about his violent writings, and a judge ordered him into treatment after describ-

ing the young man as a danger to himself and others.

But it's unclear whether Cho received follow-up treatment, and because the court order never made it into a federal database, he was able to legally purchase two handguns to carry out the attack.

"People don't understand what they can share and what they can't share," said Mike Leavitt, the secretary of Health and Human Services.

The report by the departments of Health and Human Services, Justice and Education found that teachers and school administrators feared liability for sharing information and didn't understand whether they could be held responsible for not sharing information.

On top of federal privacy laws governing health and student information, states have privacy laws of their own, and police have rules limiting disclosure of criminal information. MATT APUZZO (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, June 13

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers **6-6-6**
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.) **3-3-8**
Mid-day DC 4 **3-7-2-1**
Evening DC 4 (Tues.) **5-3-8-3**
Rolling Cash Five (Tues.) **3-8-18-28-31**
Daily 6 (Tues.) **15-16-21-24-33-39 Bonus: 32**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **9-2-4**
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) **2-3-6**
Mid-day Pick 4 **7-7-6-3**
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) **5-7-1-8**
Match 5 (Tues.) **1-4-15-21-35 Bonus: 3**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.) **7-1-9**
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) **2-4-8**
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.) **1-0-8-8**

Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) **8-7-9-2**
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.) **9-14-17-25-33**
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Money

Economy Gains Fresh Momentum

Retail sales surge, manufacturing rises during a robust May

WASHINGTON | The U.S. economy headed into the summer with better momentum, propelled by a manufacturing rebound and consumers who eagerly went shopping and sightseeing despite high gas prices.

This picture of the economy, released Wednesday by the Federal Reserve, seemed brighter in terms of prospects for overall economic growth. Factory production was up in a majority of districts, an improvement from the previous survey that found manufacturing was slow in most Fed districts.

Consumer spending and retail sales across the country generally were up, too, with luxury goods selling better than lower-end merchandise in some areas. Travel and tourism remained healthy, but there was little change in auto sales.

A separate report from the Commerce Department showed sales at the nation's retailers in May posted their biggest gain in 16 months.

Information from the Fed survey will figure into discussions at the



Shoppers hit the malls last month despite the recent rise in gas prices.

central bank's next meeting June 27-28. Economists predict the Fed will again hold a key interest rate at 5.25 percent, where it has stood for a year.

"The economy is accelerating, although there are some weak pockets. And inflation, for the most part, seems to be contained despite high energy prices. This survey supports the Fed sitting sidelined over the foreseeable future," predicted Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.

The Fed survey found continuing weakness in residential real estate and construction. Most parts of the country characterized their housing markets as "soft or weak." (AP)

In Brief

SEATTLE Starbucks Settles Disability Discrimination Suit for \$85K

Starbucks Corp. has agreed to pay \$85,000 to settle a disability discrimination lawsuit filed in 2006 by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission after the company fired a Seattle barista with bipolar disorder. The EEOC said Wednesday that Starbucks gave Christine Drake extra training and support while she worked as a barista in its Queen Anne neighborhood coffee shop for more than two years, starting in 2001. But in her third year, new management at the coffee shop discontinued the extra support and then fired her, which the EEOC said violated the Americans with Disabilities Act. (AP)

LUXEMBOURG EU Applauds Google's Move To Cut Data Retention Time

European Union official Franco Frattini on Wednesday applauded Google Inc.'s offer to cut by a quarter the time it retains data on its users' searches. The move comes amid growing concerns that the company could be violating EU privacy rules with its current policy of keeping data for up to 24 months. Now, the search leader says it will make the information anonymous in 18 months. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VeriFone	35.83	+3.17	+9.7
BlackstrB	3.97	+3.33	+9.1
MaidenBrd	20.33	+1.65	+8.8
Hertz n	24.37	+1.92	+8.6
Blockstr	4.27	+3.32	+8.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HlthSprg	19.34	-3.52	-15.4
NBTY	45.95	-3.54	-7.2
HutrigBld	8.12	-.58	-6.7
CitizInc	6.84	-.41	-5.7
USEC	18.21	-1.03	-5.4

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Staktek	3.65	+.46	+14.4
Caraustar	5.84	+.66	+12.7
Shiloh	11.86	+1.33	+12.6
CwlthBio	3.79	+.42	+12.5
Iomai	2.08	-.02	-1.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SyntaxBril	4.56	-.90	-16.5
WorldSpace	4.50	-.67	-13.0
Schulmn	21.31	-2.65	-11.1
CatalystP n	4.07	-.48	-10.5
Bidz.com n	8.51	-.90	-9.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.26	5.19
3-month disc	4.53	4.66
2-year	5.05	4.94
10-year	5.20	4.96
30-year	5.27	5.08

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5067	.5060	.5454
Canadian Dollar	1.0679	1.0647	1.1124
European Euro	.7513	.7509	.7974
Japanese Yen	122.61	121.76	115.27
Mexican Peso	10.9296	10.9335	11.4598
Taiwanese Dollar	33.11	33.12	32.62

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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	121.81	+.57	+9.2
BcoSnCH	18.30	+.16	-1.9
BkofAm	50.36	+.70	-5.7
BkNova g	49.69	+.98	+10.9
Citigrp	53.68	+1.08	-3.6
DeutschBk	145.08	+2.42	+8.9
JPMorgCh	50.29	+.94	+4.9
MitsuUFJ	11.54	-.03	-7.3
RoyalBk g	53.54	+.65	+12.4
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Sports

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The amount, in thousands of dollars, former Bulls forward Scottie Pippen received in farming subsidies, NBC reported. A watchdog group in Washington compiled a database of people who received the subsidies, and it included Pippen, David Letterman and Jack Benny.

For Open Champ, a Win Is a Win

Ogilvy doesn't mind being the guy who won when Phil collapsed

GOLF | Geoff Ogilvy doesn't mind being the guy who won the U.S. Open because Phil Mickelson lost it.

It didn't take the gleam off the championship trophy that's sat atop the Australian's mantle for 12 months. It didn't trim the number of zeros on his winner's check. It didn't stop the phone calls or the e-mails he's received since winning a major, which have multiplied by six times since before his U.S. Open victory at Winged Foot.

"It's quite nice to be introduced as



Geoff Ogilvy reacts to his par-saving putt on the 18th green at last year's U.S. Open.

THESE GUYS ARE GOOD?

Here's what some of the world's best are saying about Oakmont:

→ "It was five shots harder last Monday. I thought, 'There's no way.'" — Geoff Ogilvy

→ "Augusta may have these big, big slopes, but they have these flat shelves that they usually put the pins on. Here, I'm trying to figure out where a flat shelf is."

— Tiger Woods

→ "By its nature, it's already difficult. It's a struggle. They don't have to put the pin two feet over a tier." — Padraig Harrington

→ "I don't know if I could play here every day. This course just beats you up." — Vaughn Taylor

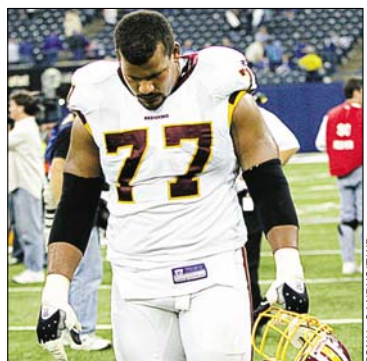
the U.S. Open champion on the first tee every week," Ogilvy said while preparing for this week's Open at Oakmont. "That doesn't get old."

Even if all that talk that Ogilvy won because Mickelson choked may never stop.

"That's fair enough. It's part of last year's golf tournament, that story," Ogilvy said. "So, it's going to be talked about."

Except between the two men. Ogilvy never has engaged Mickelson in a discussion about how that par 4 Mickelson needed on the 72nd hole to win his first U.S. Open somehow became a double bogey 6, making Ogilvy, at 5-over, the first U.S. Open champion since Andy North in 1978 to not break par.

"I'm sure we'll chat about it one day," Ogilvy said. "But we haven't really had a deep and meaningful [conversation] about it." ALAN ROBINSON (AP)



Guard Randy Thomas started all 16 games for the Redskins last season.

Thomas' Right Knee Surgery Is Successful

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins guard Randy Thomas had successful minor surgery on his right knee Wednesday, ruling him out for this weekend's minicamp.

Thomas, who started all 16 games at right guard last season, is expected to recover in time for the start of training camp in late July.

The Redskins open a mandatory three-day minicamp Friday. They were scheduled to have the last of their voluntary spring practices Wednesday, but coach Joe Gibbs gave the players the rest of the day off following the morning meetings. (AP)



LeBron James, center, is shooting less than 37 percent in the NBA Finals, and the Cavaliers are averaging just 80 points per game.

Cavs Get 1 Shot to Rise From the Dead

No NBA team has won a playoff series after falling behind 3-0

NBA FINALS | Signs all around Cleveland implore the Cavaliers to "Rise Up!," the team's motto this season.

And if the Cavaliers are going to win their first championship, they'll have to rise up more than any NBA team ever has.

Cleveland is facing a 3-0 deficit against the San Antonio Spurs in the finals. No NBA club has won a series after dropping the first three games, forcing the Cavs to look elsewhere for belief.

"Red Sox-Yankees," center Zydrunas Ilgauskas said Wednesday. "I thought about it this morning."

True, but Boston had a powerful offense back in 2004. These Cavaliers have one of the worst that's ever played on the NBA's biggest stage.

A loss Thursday could leave Cleveland as the most inept offensive team ever in the finals. Baltimore managed only 376 points (94 per game) while getting swept by Milwaukee in 1971, and the Cavaliers have scored just 240 (80 ppg) through the first three games.

The Bullets shot 38.4 percent in that series, also a finals low for

a four-game series. Cleveland is hovering right at 40 percent, with superstar LeBron James hitting less than 37 percent of his shots.

So, hopes of winning the first title by a Cleveland pro sports franchise since 1964 now look impossible. For now, the Cavs' biggest goal is to avoid becoming the first team to be swept in the finals since the Lakers beat New Jersey in 2002.

"We're all in right now," Gooden said. "We're playing our last hand right now. Our luck has to change or the season is over."

Like those Nets, the Cavs are playing for the championship for the first time. And they've quickly realized that trying to figure out a team like the Spurs is only part of what goes on once a team gets here.

"From my perspective, I guess the stage is just so much bigger. I was caught off guard maybe by all the media attention," Ilgauskas said. "It takes a lot of your energy, you have to be focused and really stay on top of things. I think going as group we're learning it as we go."

"That's one thing about the playoffs. It's a roller coaster ride. You win against Detroit and you feel on top of the world, and a week later you feel like you forgot how to play basketball because you're down 0-3."

BRIAN MAHONEY (AP)



Ready or not: Everyone was rooting for LeBron James, but the 22-year-old is not quite ready to lead the Cavs to a title, Michael Wilbon writes. | **Today's Post, Sports**

SILENCE IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY: Billy Godard, 62, is caddying for Colin Montgomerie at the U.S. Open because he fit the bill of what Montgomerie was looking for. "He said he would want a local caddie who knows the course and knows how to keep his mouth shut," Godard said.



Sports

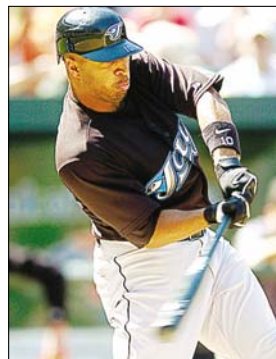
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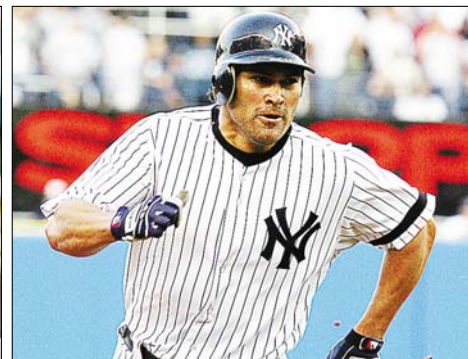
XAVIER NADY



HUNTER PENCE



VERNON WELLS



JOHNNY DAMON

Best Bets: Playing for the Pirates is an easy way to remain under the radar. Right fielder **XAVIER NADY** is one of those relatively unknown players, though you might want to familiarize yourself with him if you want a guy who already has 11 home runs. Astros center fielder **HUNTER PENCE** is on target for a potential rookie-of-the-year season. He has a robust .351 batting average with some power and speed. It looks like Arizona was a bit hasty in dumping **LUIS GONZALEZ**. The Dodgers left fielder is already halfway to his previous year's home run total. He also walks more than he strikes out and has three steals.

Not a Chance: Dear **VERNON WELLS**: Do you plan on hitting any more home runs this season? Sincerely, fantasy baseball players everywhere. Since the beginning of May, the Blue Jays center fielder has hit exactly one bomb. Ouch. The Yankees are in trouble if a .259 batting average and a .356 slugging percentage are all they can expect for the remaining part of **JOHNNY DAMON**'s \$52 million contract. You have to wonder whether Braves center fielder **ANDRUW JONES** knows he's in a contract year. He has 11 home runs, true, but he also sports a .217 batting average. **SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)**

Rowand Hits Slam on Off Day To Lead Phillies

BASEBALL | Aaron Rowand's day off turned into a career day.

Rowand hit a grand slam and drove in five runs, helping the Philadelphia Phillies complete their first home sweep this season with an 8-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday.

Kyle Kendrick pitched six effective innings in his major league debut, Wes Helms broke a season-long homerless drought with a solo shot, and the Phillies won for the seventh time in nine games to move a season-best four games above .500 at 35-31.

Rowand wasn't in the starting lineup against his former team, but drove in the tying run on a ground-out as a pinch-hitter in the sixth. His five RBIs tied a career-high. (AP)

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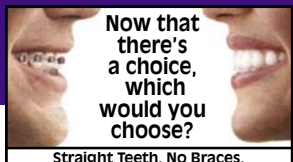
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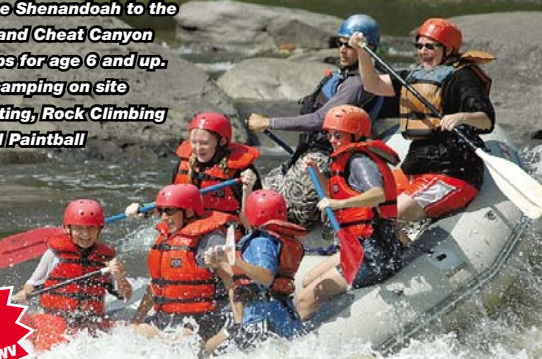
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Sports

The Tie That Signs Junior

Hendrick got racing's big prize because of his bond with Earnhardt

AUTO RACING | When Dale Earnhardt Jr. needed career advice, he turned to Rick Hendrick. When his grandfather suffered a stroke, it was Hendrick who made arrangements at the hospital. When his sister had a cancer scare, Hendrick stepped in to find a specialist.

And when Earnhardt needed to find a new team, it was a no-brainer. He landed with Hendrick, announcing a five-year deal Wednesday to join the elite team in 2008.

This could be the partnership that helps Earnhardt finally win the championship that has eluded him during his Nextel Cup career.

More importantly, it could help fill an aching void that both have lived with since tragic accidents killed Earnhardt's famous father and four members of Hendrick's family, including his only son.

"I don't want to take his father's



Dale Earnhardt Jr., right, announced he will join Rick Hendrick's team in 2008.

place, but I think we offer something that both of us are missing," Hendrick said. "It's not that he's looking for me to be his dad, or I'm looking for him to be my son.

"We have a common bond that we both lost somebody ... so there's something there."

That bond played a large part

in Earnhardt's decision to choose Hendrick Motorsports over all the other suitors he had in the frenzied five-week push to sign NASCAR's most popular driver.

"There wasn't a wrong answer," Earnhardt said. "I always kind of dreamed about driving for Rick. He's just a good guy." JENNA FRYER (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA FINALS (9 P.M. ON ABC) Tim Duncan sets his sights on his fourth NBA title. The Spurs can close out LeBron James and the Cavs by completing the sweep in Cleveland.

GOLF (10 A.M. ON ESPN, 3 P.M. ON NBC AND 5 P.M. ON ESPN) They call it the toughest course in the country, which sounds

about right for a U.S. Open.

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) Jeremy Guthrie gets the start for the Orioles when they host the Nationals at Camden Yards.

SOCCER (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) This week's nationally televised MLS game pits Dallas against Real Salt Lake.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
Boston	41	22	.651	—	20-10 21-12
N.Y. Yankees	31	31	.500	9.5	16-13 15-18
Toronto	30	34	.469	11.5	18-15 12-19
Tampa Bay	29	33	.468	11.5	17-17 12-16
Baltimore	29	35	.453	12.5	16-14 13-21

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
Cleveland	37	26	.587	—	21-8 16-18
Detroit	37	26	.587	—	18-12 19-14
Minnesota	31	31	.500	5.5	17-16 14-15
Chicago	27	34	.443	9.0	14-16 13-18
Kansas City	25	40	.385	13.0	12-22 13-18

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
L.A. Angels	40	25	.615	—	24-9 16-16
Seattle	35	26	.574	3.0	17-13 18-13
Oakland	34	29	.540	5.0	18-15 16-14
Texas	23	41	.359	16.5	14-18 9-23

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
N.Y. Mets	36	27	.571	—	17-16 19-11
Atlanta	35	30	.538	2.0	18-16 17-14
Philadelphia	34	31	.523	3.0	17-15 17-16
Florida	32	33	.492	5.0	14-17 18-16
Washington	27	37	.422	9.5	14-19 13-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
Milwaukee	34	30	.531	—	22-12 12-18
Chicago	28	35	.444	5.5	12-18 16-17
St. Louis	27	34	.443	5.5	14-16 13-18
Houston	27	37	.422	7.0	14-16 13-21
Pittsburgh	27	37	.422	7.0	12-19 15-18
Cincinnati	26	39	.400	8.5	13-19 13-20

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME ROAD
San Diego	36	27	.571	—	20-12 16-15
Arizona	37	28	.569	—	20-14 17-14
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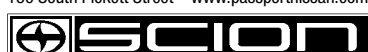
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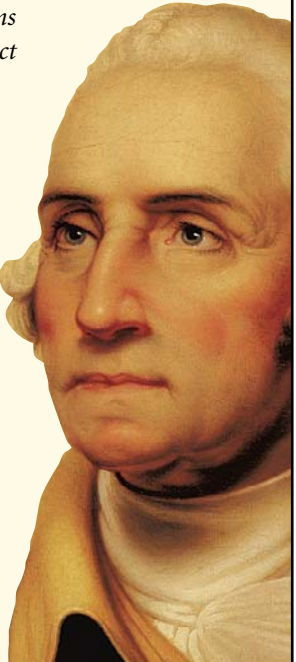
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The Fantastic Four are back to battle a metallic new villain

SUPERHEROES | Michael Chiklis was an unhappy camper while making the original "Fantastic Four" movie. The heavy costume and intricate facial prosthetics he wore as Marvel Comics superhero the Thing took several hours a day to apply and bothered his skin. Not only was he uncomfortable, he contends, the getup was bad for his health.

"Imagine spending five months in your own sweat, 12 hours a day, in which you can't pee," the Emmy-winning actor says. "It causes problems."

So Chiklis signed on for the sequel "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," hitting theaters Friday, on the condition that his costume be more bearable. And the filmmakers obliged. Chiklis was able to slip in and out of his new suit in a matter of minutes. The makeup and prosthetic application process was also streamlined — to 90 minutes.

Two years have passed since Chiklis and co-stars Ioan Gruffudd (Mr. Fantastic), Jessica Alba (Invisible Woman) and Chris Evans (the Human Torch) appeared on the big



SURF'S UP, ALIEN: "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" opens on Friday.

screen. The original 2005 "Fantastic Four" was a worldwide hit.

In the sequel, the Fantastic Four face their greatest challenge as the Silver Surfer, a shiny flying alien with a cosmic-powered surfboard, comes to Earth to destroy it. To bring him to life, the filmmakers turned to the Weta effects house ("Lord of the Rings"), which handled all effects on

the film. Laurence Fishburne ("The Matrix") supplies the computer-generated character's voice.

The centerpiece of the story is the wedding of scientists Mr. Fantastic and Invisible Woman. The celebration is interrupted with the arrival of the bad guy, and the Fantastic Four spring into action. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

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It's not that "Insomniac" (Inter-



NO ESCAPE: Crossover artist Enrique Iglesias can't shake his mediocrity.

scope) is timeless as much as it is time-free. It's as if Iglesias and his collaborators recorded one album after another after his 1999 break-

through English album.

The new single "Do You Know? (The Ping Pong Song)" and the catchy "Stay Here Tonight" are pleasant and poppy. Most tracks are fillers, passable at best. The sole departure is "Push," a hip-hop-tinged collaboration with Lil' Wayne, but that's more due to Wayne's rhymes than Iglesias' delivery.

With "Insomniac," Iglesias has gone beyond finding his groove. He's dug himself a slick, well-produced rut.

GLENN GAMBOA (NEWSDAY)



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QUALITY CONTROL: Interpol's new album is its first with Capitol Records, but the label hop has not altered the band's sound.

Group Dynamic

Indie rockers Interpol credit their success to intra-band cohesion

MUSIC | Interpol has always been a band with a dark — some might even say twisted — sensibility.

"There's No I in Threesome," a track from the band's new album "Our Love to Admire," due July out 10, is a particularly fine reminder of this, turning on perfectly deadpan lines like, "Babe, it's time we give something new a try/There's no I in threesome and I'm all for it."

"One thing about us that's been consistent is that it's not just one guy making decisions, it's always four people," founder/lead guitar-

ist Daniel Kessler says. "That's the only way we can exist."

That unified, self-contained stance helped guide the quartet, which includes bassist/keyboardist Carlos "D" Dengler and drummer Sam Fogarino, in its decision to leap from independent label Matador to Capitol in summer 2006.

"Like any decision we make, it was based around the fact that nothing is going to change between these four people," Kessler says.

Major labels had been in hot pursuit of Interpol for years, but interest escalated after the band's second full-length album, 2004's "Antics," matched the success of its predecessor, 2002's "Turn on the Bright Lights." To date, both records have

shifted around 460,000 copies in the United States.

The real deciding factors for choosing Capitol were the size and quality of the roster, says Interpol manager Dave Holmes. "With Radiohead especially," Holmes says, "they were impressed with how Capitol in the U.S. had handled them."

Although "Our Love" finds Interpol making greater use of keyboards on expansive tracks like "Pioneer to the Falls" and "The Lighthouse," the album is mostly true to form.

Kessler says Interpol made "the exact same record we would have made on Matador. We made it in the same studios we would have, with the same people, and it has the same sound and look." **SUSAN VISAKOWITZ (BILLBOARD)**

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CHICK TRACY: Nancy Drew's snooping dates back to the Great Depression.

meyer, founder of the Stratemeyer Syndicate, the first Nancy Drew novels were written by Mildred A.

Wirt Benson. "Carolyn Keene" was chosen as the pseudonym for the Drew series.

On television, Pamela Sue Martin, Tracy Ryan and Maggie Lawson played Nancy Drew.

Surprisingly, though, only two actresses have played the sleuth on the big screen.

One is Bonita Granville, who first brought Nancy to the big screen in 1938. The other is Emma Roberts, the 16-year-old daughter of actor Eric Roberts and the niece of Oscar winner Julia Roberts, who stars as the shamus in "Nancy Drew," opening Friday. **SUSAN KING (LA TIMES)**

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Technology

'Augmented reality' blurs the boundaries of gaming and life

There's no alien world behind the virtual reality gear, just a modestly decorated living room that can be seen without the video goggles.

But once the game "AR Facade" starts, you might wish there were space invaders. That's because it puts you in the middle of an excruciatingly uncomfortable argument between Trip and Grace, a bickering 30-something married couple.

Do you play moderator and decide to help broker a truce? Do you instigate them by complimenting Grace on her decorating style? Or do you act as if everything's peachy while their arguing heats up?

Whatever path is taken, this participatory soap opera at a Georgia Tech research lab is at times funny, awkward and intriguing. And it's always intense and emotionally draining.

"AR Facade" is an "augmented reality" game, a genre that mixes a virtual world with physical reality. The technology is still emerging, though someday people may play such games with gear as simple as their cell phones.

So far, scientists seem to be having fun with the possibilities.

At the University of South Australia, researchers created a version of "Quake," the popular shoot 'em up game in which users with a wrap-around visor and a backpack walk through the streets and fight superimposed computer objects that only they can see. A human "Pac-Man" game, created at the University of Singapore, places virtual yellow dots along the city streets and allows players to become the game's hero or one of the ghosts set on catching



SOUND AND VISION: Steven Dow, a Georgia Tech Ph.D. student, demonstrates the augmented reality game "AR Facade."

All in Your Head

the little gobbler.

Some of the games have a more practical use.

Mark Billingham's "Magic Book" is an animated children's book that turns into a 3-D pop-up, changing with each page when viewed through head-mounted goggles. The New Zealand scientist also is helping develop "AR Tennis," which lets gamers use their cell phones as rackets on a virtual court superimposed on a real table.

"Within five years, people will be able to easily experience augmented reality applications on their mobile

phones, in their homes, schools, hospitals, workplace and cars," he said. "One of the most exciting things is that the current generation of mobile phones have the processing power, display resolution and camera quality necessary to provide compelling AR experiences."

Billy Pidgeon, a games analyst at the research company IDC, says the field shows promise.

"I don't know if it's a sustainable industry, but there's definitely money in it," he said. "There's many ways you can link gaming and interactive entertainment outside

"In a way, it's a theater and a stage where people can step in to become an actor in the experience."

STEVEN DOW, PH.D. STUDENT

because portable devices are getting pretty powerful — and so is the network. I can see it growing."

At Georgia Tech, the Atlanta

school where Trip and Grace's "AR Facade" was created, researchers are using the technology to create "interactive dramas."

The games are "somewhere between a movie and a video game," said Steven Dow, a Ph.D. student in Georgia Tech's human-centered computing program.

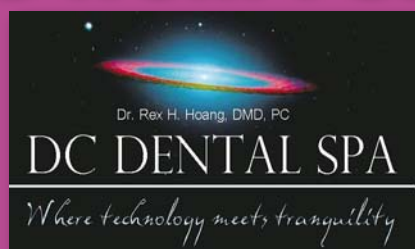
"You can kind of choose your own outcome, and you can define your own way to win," he said. "In a way, it's a theater and a stage where people can step in to become an actor in the experience."

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Science

Discovery adds new twist to the history of dinosaur evolution

The remains of a giant, birdlike dinosaur as tall as the formidable tyrannosaur have been found in China, a surprising discovery that indicates a more complicated evolutionary process for birds than originally thought, scientists said Wednesday.

Fossilized bones uncovered in the Erlian Basin of northern China's Inner Mongolia region show that the specimen was about 26 feet long and 16 feet tall and weighed 3,000 pounds, said Xu Xing, a paleontologist at the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology & Paleoanthropology in Beijing.

The height is comparable to the meat-eating tyrannosaurs. But the dinosaur, called Gigantoraptor elrianiensis, also had a beak and slender legs and likely had feathers. It

was 35 times larger than its likely close relative, the Caudiperyx, a small, feathered dinosaur species, Xu said.

That puts the Gigantoraptor's existence at odds with prevailing theories that dinosaurs became smaller as they evolved into birds and that bigger dinosaurs had less birdlike characteristics, he said.

“This is like having a mouse that is the size of a horse or cow.”

XU XING, PALEONTOLOGIST

“This is like having a mouse that is the size of a horse or cow,” said Xu, who co-authored a paper on the finding published June 7 in the journal *Nature*. “It is very important information for us in our efforts to trace the evolution process of dinosaurs to birds. It's more complicated than we imagined.”

The Caudiperyx and the Gigan-



A replica of a skull is displayed next to a model of the Gigantoraptor elrianiensis.

toraptor belong to a group of dinosaurs called oviraptors, which tend to be human-sized or smaller. In recent years paleontologists have found turkey-sized, feathered representatives of the group, but they

have never found anything close to the scale of the Gigantoraptor.

“It's one of the last groups of dinosaurs that we would expect to be that big,” said Mark Norell, curator of paleontology at the American

Museum of Natural History in New York City.

But Philip Currie, a paleontologist at the University of Alberta, said the size of the Gigantoraptor would be a natural step in the evolutionary process of the oviraptors.

“Almost every group that has evolved has tended to evolve giant forms,” Currie said.

Animals tend to become bigger with evolution because larger creatures have an easier time getting food, impressing potential mates and avoiding predators.

But size has disadvantages, too. Bigger animals need more food and territory. They have fewer offspring and reproduce less frequently than smaller animals do. That means they are particularly vulnerable when environmental conditions change.

Xu and his team, which discovered three other specimens in the fossil-rich Erlian Basin, were being interviewed by Japanese media in 2005 when they discovered the Gigantoraptor remains.

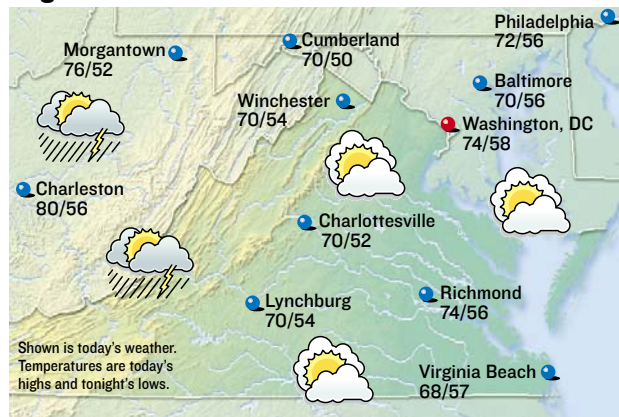
They had chosen a random site to illustrate how one of the previous fossils had been discovered and hit upon a bone while on camera, Xu said. The team originally thought that it belonged to a tyrannosaur, but realized upon examination that it was an oviraptor.

“It was an unexpected finding,” Xu said. AUDRA ANG (AP)

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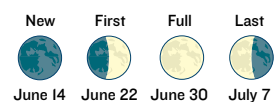
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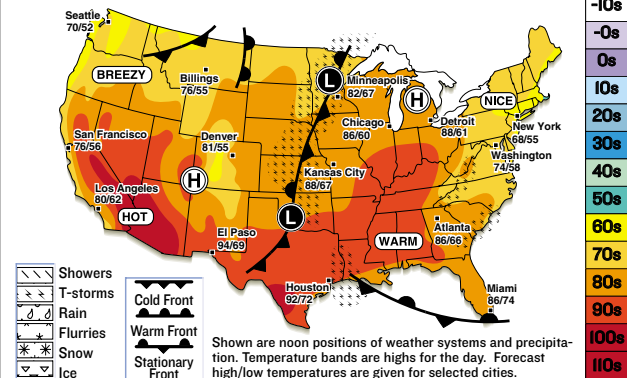
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National Weather for Thursday, June 14



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Dallas	90/71/t	87/70/t
Denver	81/55/s	90/59/pc
Honolulu	88/76/pc	88/75/s
Los Angeles	80/62/pc	78/62/pc
Miami	86/74/t	85/76/t
New York City	68/55/pc	74/62/pc
Orlando	88/68/t	89/72/t
Seattle	70/52/pc	67/52/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
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Athens	82/68/pc	86/66/s
Berlin	79/61/sh	81/64/t
Buenos Aires	55/41/r	52/44/s
Calgary	61/44/c	61/44/pc
Dublin	61/50/r	61/50/r
Geneva	79/56/t	81/55/t
Moscow	84/61/pc	78/44/c
Rome	79/63/s	81/61/pc
Sydney	58/51/t	58/49/r
Tokyo	69/69/r	79/70/pc

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Styles

LOOK
out

Ring a Ding, Ding

Engagement rings are getting bigger, bolder

Once upon a time, when a man proposed, he gave a woman a shiny solitaire diamond engagement ring. It was the standard. It's probably what her friends had and she was eager to join the club.

Fast-forward to 2007: It's now the norm for a woman to influence what her engagement ring will look like — if not to pick it out herself, says Mary Moses Kinney, director of the Independent Jewelers Organization.

The result is bigger stones, nontraditional settings and some rings that forgo the diamond altogether.

"Size matters," says Millie Martini Bratten, editor in chief of Brides magazine. "People love a big sparkly ring, especially coming from the person they love most in the world."

Moses Kinney thinks the larger rocks are being driven by two things: Women aren't shy about asking for what they want, and, because couples are getting married a bit older, they typically have more money to spend.

The older bride also has had more time to carve out her personal style. "Women want personality in their ring. They want to make an emotional statement with the ring. They want it to reflect who they are," says Moses Kinney.

The groom, Bratten says, if left to his own devices, would probably still go for a classic solitaire because that's what he thinks an engagement ring looks like. But he's rarely left to his own devices.

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MILLIE MARTINI BRATTEN, BRIDES MAGAZINE

He may have noticed what kind of ring his girlfriend's mother has or if his intended has commented about a friend's ring, says Bratten of Brides. At the very least, he probably has done a little price research to try to get the most sparkle for his buck. He also might ask other brides-to-be about their rings.

"We do get, on occasion, grooms on our site asking other brides for ideas about the ring. The other brides completely get into it: They'll ask,



"What's she like?" "What does her other jewelry look like?" "What's the lifestyle?" reports Theresa DiMasi, editor in chief of Brides.com.

It's really in everyone's best interest to make sure the bride gets a ring she loves, DiMasi says. "She wears it for many, many, many years. It's not like the dress that you wear for one day."

Over the years, brides have moved away from yellow gold, both for engagement and wedding bands, in favor of platinum, which they consider more wardrobe-friendly, DiMasi observes.

The price of platinum, however, has shot up because of increased demand, and couples are again interested in gold — yellow, white and rose-tinted.

"Rose gold is pretty, new and trendy," according to Brides' Bratten. "It looks good on many

(1) A "Majesty" ring from the Independent Jewelers Organization, has an amethyst set in 14 karat white gold with diamond accents. (2) Still a classic, a simple solitaire, here set in platinum, continues to be one of the most popular styles for engagement rings. (3) The "Athena" ring has a vintage-style semi-mount, where the center stone almost levitates, a mix of pink and white gold and micropave diamonds on the side.

skin tones."

Many rings have micropave diamonds outlining the setting. That makes the center stone appear bigger and sparklier. "You get the look of the big ring without piling on too much additional cost," she says.

Another trend is three-stone rings, with pink or blue sapphires — or, less often, emeralds or rubies — flanking the center diamond. Colored diamonds are considered chic, but are also expensive, more for the rich and famous, Bratten says.

"There is no right or wrong ring," says Moses Kinney. "It's like a favorite color. If one woman likes a princess cut, the next will want an emerald cut."

Her own 1930s-era ring comes from the estate of a Chicago politician. It features an Art Deco-style emerald-cut diamond that is long and thin.

"I get stopped all the time and hear, 'I've never seen anything like that,'" Moses Kinney says. "It's my favorite piece of jewelry, bar none. And I think that's how people should feel about their engagement ring." SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Clothes



Chicken-Fried Fashion

An unlikely player in the hip vintage T-shirt game is **KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN**. The fast-food chain, in conjunction with Los Angeles retailer Intuition, is offering soft, lightweight T-shirts, one adorned with the original 1952 logo, one with a rendering of a full cardboard bucket of chicken and another with the phrase, "I march to the beat of my own drumstick" (\$15, kfc.com). Sales of the shirt benefit KFC Colonel's Scholars, a scholarship program for high school seniors headed to college who demonstrate classroom excellence and financial need. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Office



The Write Stuff

Want your cheap pens to be shinier than the ones your friends have? A brand-new line of metallic **BIC** quills glosses up the classics with choices in red, orange, silver, green and dark and light blue with 11 options to mix and match lid colors (\$1.45-\$1.65 each, minimum order of 300, 4imprint.com). The sparkly sticks are no high-rolling roller balls, though. Aside from the new prom dress, they're still the same old round or clicky pens you've always gnawed and ignored. Still, you do take the risk they'll be so glamorous that the bank will start stealing them from you. JEN BEASLEY (EXPRESS)

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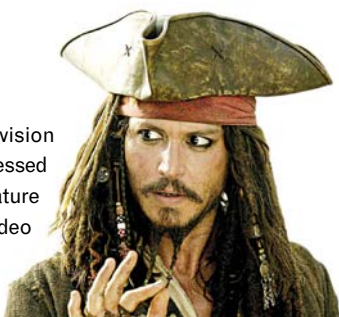

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PEOPLE

Japanese Pirate Kids?

Johnny Depp was recently on Japanese television and was treated to a performance of children dressed up as pirates playing a duet of sorts on a miniature piano. Depp is visibly dumbfounded. Watch video of the scene yourself and see whether you have a similar reaction. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



FREE RIDE

A Tough Burger Decision

When you hear people rate the best burgers in town, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Falls Church's Elevation Burger and Rockville's Urban Burger Co. normally pop up as top picks. But how do you choose among the three of them? | [ONLINE NOW](#)

GETTING AHEAD

It's Nice to Be Kneaded

Tam Gelman's career as a specialist in refinancing apartment buildings and commercial real estate was on the upswing — but so was her stress level. So she became a massage therapist, and is almost as relaxed as the customers she tends to. Find out how she made the switch. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



comment board

“I appreciate that they are trying something new. The evening news broadcast is something of a remainder of the past, and really not as useful in today's Internet-driven media culture. Even if they don't have the right formula in place, I have to give them credit for trying.”

COMMENTER PMMJ, RESPONDING TO WEDNESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "HAVE CBS AND KATIE COURIC DUMBED DOWN THE EVENING NEWS?"



“More than any other network or cable newscast, 'CBS Evening News' interview subjects look like a video parade of older men in suits. No one in their right mind would watch that — which explains their failed ratings.”

COMMENTER PC DREW, WHO ADDED, "DAN RATHER IS WRONG. HIS FORMER BROADCAST ISN'T DUMBED DOWN, IT'S DULLED DOWN."

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TODAY'S QUESTION

Should victims' families be on the Virginia Tech panel?

1. Yes
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Blog LOG

“Some call it the closest to giving birth a man will ever feel. It felt like I was shot, and I was screaming in pain for close to 45 minutes.”

SHINESILENTLY.BLOGSPOT.COM HAS BEEN DEALING WITH KIDNEY STONES.



“I'M REALLY PROUD to see Jennifer Aniston representing a company that molecularly separates water, then is responsible for condensing it through vapor distillation. I have no idea what ... that means, but I'm pretty sure it's dangerous and has something to do with biological weapons.”

DEREKHAIL.COM ON THE EX-“FRIENDS” STAR'S NEW BOTTLED WATER PROMOTION.

“Every[one] gets a ton of Nigerian 419 scams in their inbox, but I have a new favorite. I have a nefarious uncle who's trying to claim my new fortune for himself by maintaining that I recently died in a car accident.”

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“AS THOSE who play it can attest, kickball centers on one thing — cheap beer. We talk about it in e-mails leading up to game time, sneak it past U.S. Park Police, drink it in excess at bars that look the other way, chug it to play flip cup and rue it the next day when we're hungover at work.”

ARJEWTINO.COM IS RETIRING FROM PLAYING ORGANIZED KICKBALL IN D.C.

“WHILE ARLINGTON certainly has a lot of young people — I think 80,000 of Arlington's 200,000 residents are between ages 20 and 40, so there are plenty of young professionals out there to meet — I've never noticed a slant toward more guys or girls.”

A COMMENTER AT ARLINGTON-FOCUSED **WHATSUPARLINGTON.BLOGSPOT.COM** DISCUSSES GENDER RATIOS IN THE COUNTY.

Live Online

Princess Diana

Investigative journalist **TINA BROWN** was online Wednesday to discuss “The Diana Chronicles,” about the life and death of Princess Diana.

You find these new “revelations,” but isn't that easy to find when the subject is dead and cannot defend herself? Are you obsessed with Diana because there is no way you could have been her?

Most of my book is a reestablishing of Diana's importance and meaning. Far from tearing her down,

I think this is the first book that actually takes her seriously. I came to very much admire her and feel that she had played a major role in both changing the monarchy and establishing a new way to use her celebrity for some humanitarian causes.

Do you believe Prince Charles would have wed Camilla Parker Bowles had Princess Diana not died?

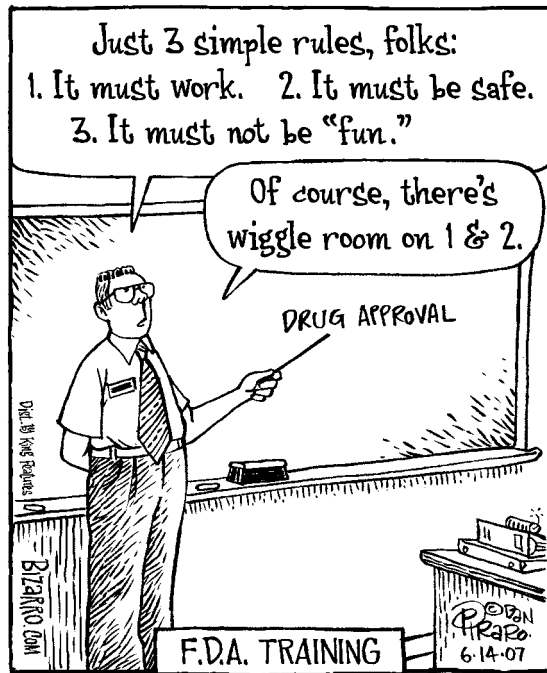
I think he would have found it very much harder to marry Camilla if Diana had been still there haunting his house. The public loved her so much, and Diana would have found delicious, fiendish ways to have made it somehow impossible.

What do you think about Dodi Fayed's belief that there was some kind of conspiracy in her death? Is his theory believable to anyone either over there or here in the U.S.? I think that Mohamed Al-Fayed at this point has convinced himself that there was a conspiracy because he still cannot live with the truth. The fact is that Diana died in a car organized by his hotel, the Ritz, driven by his acting head of security, Henri Paul, who wasn't even qualified to be a chauffeur, and was under the influence of both drink and drugs.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Erika Yery, a wildlife rehabilitator, will discuss dilemmas that can arise as the suburbs encroach on animal territories at noon. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

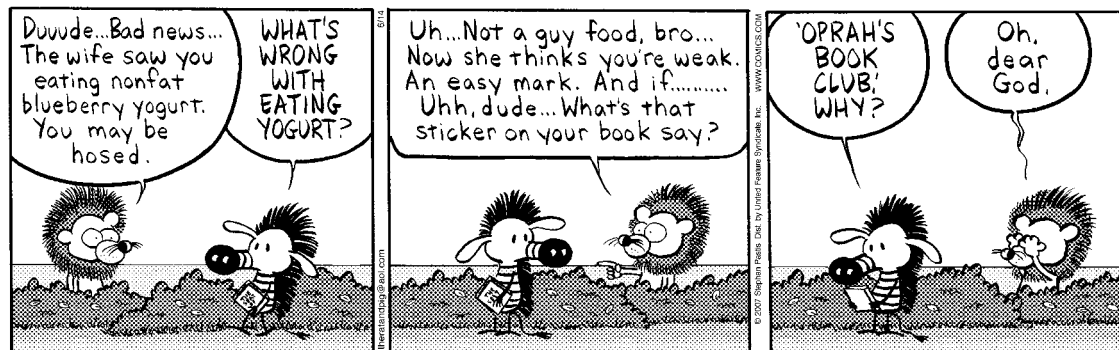
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LEARN THE WORDS TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. Over 1,000 school kids from across the country will be at FedEx Field today as part of DaimlerChrysler's Raise Awareness of the National Anthem Project on Flag Day. Because nothing says American like a German-merged defunct car company.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"We've always encouraged our staff to learn by trial and error. Many of our top people have even been convicted."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take care you don't get yourself involved in something that will drain you of all your resources. You need something in reserve right now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can keep a crisis at bay simply by talking openly with family members about something you've been keeping hidden for some time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The stars are likely to ask more of you in the way of honesty and self-awareness than you are used to — but trust is the key, as always.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You don't want to take chances where the safety of others is involved. Be sure to take all necessary precautions; trust your instincts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can sample something new without making a firm commitment — but make sure, first, you're not hurting anyone else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may not succeed the first time you try something

new, but repeated attempts will see you coming closer to the mark. Be patient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may feel rather distant, but the truth is that you haven't been making the effort to get in touch that you did in the past.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Now is the time for you to try to get ahead — at least on paper. Planning, at this time, can serve you unusually well in the days to come.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Someone may criticize you for trying to turn everything into a game, but that is precisely the attitude that can pay off for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Maintain a solid, confident approach; there's no need to change your style simply because you're facing a few obstacles.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone is likely to contact you about a coming project, but you won't want to say yes or no without considering all your options.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A personal sacrifice of sorts can, ultimately, pay off handsomely for you and others — provided you don't give up too much of any one thing.



The Stars and Stripes was adopted as the national flag today in 1777.

Today in History

1777 The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopts the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

1846 A group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaims the Republic of California.

1940 In German-occupied Poland, the Nazis open their concentration camp at Auschwitz; the same day, German troops enter Paris.

1954 The words "under God" are added to the Pledge of Allegiance.

1985 The 17-day hijack ordeal of TWA Flight 847 begins as a pair of Lebanese Shiite Muslim extremists seize the jetliner shortly after takeoff from Athens, Greece.

1997 A 1939 comic book featuring the first appearance by Batman is auctioned off for \$68,500 at Sotheby's in New York.

LOOK out

People



JEFF CHRISTENSEN/AP

Bob Dylan: poet, troubadour, hat wearer.

PRIZES

Whiny Voice Translates Throughout All Cultures

BOB DYLAN was awarded Spain's Prince of Asturias arts award, one of the country's most prestigious honors, on Wednesday. "He's considered one of the most important figures of song, a form in which he combines, in a majestic way, the beauty of his poetry and ethical commitment," said the prize foundation. (AP)

CUDDLY

'One Child, One Holy Man, One Entourage, Please.'

The **DALAI LAMA** toured the zoo of late "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin on Wednesday, where he thanked Irwin's family for its dedication to wildlife. Delicately handling a Burmese python and petting a frisky koala, he addressed a sold-out crowd at the zoo's "Crocoseum." (AP)



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VISITORS

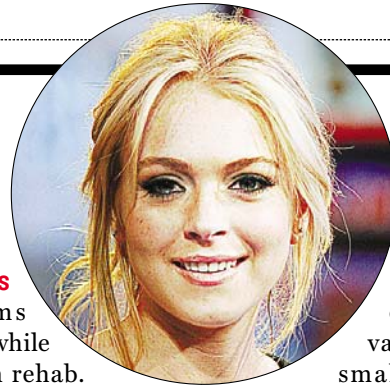
Bow Down, Mortal

PARIS HILTON'S parents visited their daughter after breezing past others waiting to see loved ones — an incident that raised new complaints that the heiress is receiving special treatment. Alvina Floyd, one visitor at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility, waited more than four hours to visit her fiancé. It normally takes two hours, and Floyd, 20, blamed the Hiltons for the delay. (AP)

SUED 12-Step List Getting Seriously Out Of Control

LINDSAY LOHAN'S

legal problems continue even while she recovers in rehab. The 20-year-old actress has been sued by Grandeur Inc., which claims Lohan crashed into a company van in October 2005. Lohan was behind



Quick! Now that she's down, let's start kicking!

the wheel when her car collided with a parked van, according to small claims court papers filed May 18. Grandeur Inc. is seeking \$3,624.84 in damages. Lohan's spokeswoman had no comment. (AP)

MOMS

But Normal Is No Fun at All!

LYNNE SPEARS says her daughter Britney is "just figuring things out." "It's sad that the whole world had to watch her make mistakes that

all of us have made at one time or another," Spears is quoted as telling *Us Weekly* magazine. "Everything is going to be really good. I can see her life picking up, and it's just going to hold great things for her." (AP)

CONCERTS

How Come Old People Get All the Cool, Free Stuff?

THE WHITE STRIPES won some new fans during a gig at a home for elderly British military veterans. In contrast to many of the band's shows, the audience sat quietly in rows of chairs. "Fantastic!" said Paddy Fox. "Normally, we only get the odd carol service in here." (AP)



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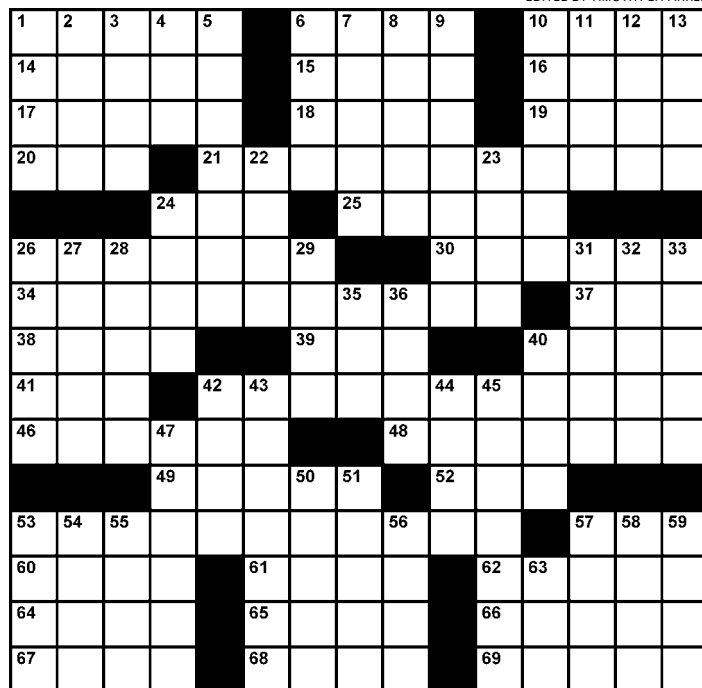
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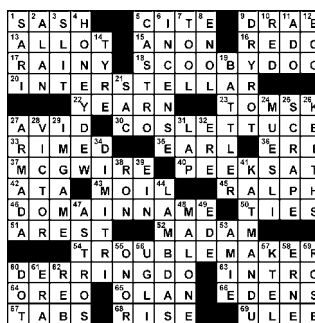
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FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS was a woman ahead of her time. The notoriously — famously — ear-splittingly awful diva who ruled East Coast stages and high society in the 1930s would have fit right in in this age of irony, post-irony and ironic post-irony. Born rich, susceptible to rotten men, convinced of her own talent and serenely self-confident, Jenkins is the subject of Stephen Temperley's affectionate comedy "Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins," which Seiden is directing. It stars Nancy Robinette as the formidable soprano and J. Fred Schiffrman as her loyal, put-upon accompanist.

How much did you know about Florence Foster Jenkins?

I knew very little, I had a friend

who was a supernumerary at the Washington Opera. And I remember back then that these tapes would get passed around of these horrifying opera singers — or people who thought they were opera singers — and these would produce gales, howls of laughter.

So that was my first introduction to her. But the sound designer who's working on the show, he has a collection of all her records. Which, by the way, have never gone out of print.

Is there a way to approach her character satirically but with respect?

I think the way to approach any comedy is to build from a realistic situation. The fun part is working with the actors to delve into these characters and try to bring them to life and make them vivid for the audience.

Is it sheer self-delusion that kept



MEGAN LLOYD

HIGH NOTES: Nancy Robinette dons multiple elaborate costumes for "Souvenir."

her going?

I think that she was a person who was fundamentally turned on by risk. She wanted to scale the heights of the soprano repertoire. She wanted to be a leader; she wanted to be in high society; she wanted to make money. And I think she was constrained by the rules of society, to a certain extent. But as an eccentric — as a rich, rich eccentric person

— she could do what she wanted, and she had her niche.

So here's the big question: Did she know?

As to whether she knew, it's a mystery, but I don't think it's something we need to know. I think that even her accompanist didn't know for sure. Throughout the play, you see him sort of confounded.

"I think she was a person who was fundamentally turned on by risk."

But even so, he leaves open the possibility that she was a shrewd person, and she loved where she was and loved the celebrity of it.

And she had no reason to give it up. She was huge. I mean, she had major followers — the most famous musical celebrities of the day were her admirers. There's Cole Porter and Tallulah Bankhead and real characters of the time who were her devotees. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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Thus is the complaint of Captain Patterson and his crew in the 1958 camp classic "Queens of Outer Space," which screens at the Hirshhorn on Thursday as part of its "Summer Camp" series, "Barbarella-Q."

Through the end of June, the museum opens its doors to rocket ships, moon men, intergalactic sex symbols, tentacled space



THIS OLD THING? Jane Fonda finds being an intergalactic space goddess so tiring.

beasties and tight jumpsuits, and you're invited. (Tight jumpsuit not required, but it would be great if you wore one. Do it for us.)

Sure, a film scholar, David Wilt, will be on hand to discuss the phenomenon of the sci-fi sex symbol, but we all know what we're here for:

to see some sci-fi sex symbols, not to hear some egghead talk about them. That's what said egghead wants, too, really.

Next weekend, the Hirshhorn presents "Attack of the 50-Foot Woman," starring D.C.'s 1949 Miss America Pageant representative Allison Hayes. (That should bring some freaks out of the woodwork.)

And the week after that, it's the "Citizen Kane" of space-siren flicks, "Barbarella," whence we as a culture got the name Duran Duran, the legacy of Roger Vadim's excellent taste in wives and Jane Fonda in thigh-high boots. **ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)**

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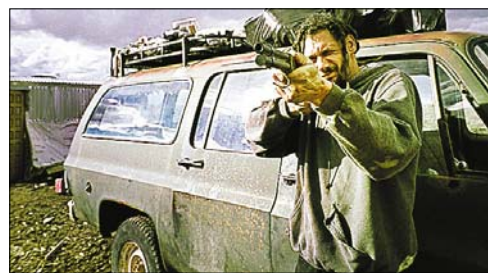
Stranger Than Fiction

It's nothing but the truth at this year's Silverdocs

FILM | In "Super Amigos," Mexican "lucha libre" wrestlers, decked out in masks and capes, raise awareness for social causes like affordable housing opportunities and gay rights. "Please Vote for Me" follows three Chinese 7-year-olds who launch full-blown political campaigns as they seek the title of class monitor. Meanwhile, in "Audience of One," an obsessed minister tirelessly pursues his goal of creating a science fiction film based on the life of Joseph.

These outlandish situations are all true stories, set to film for the fifth annual Silverdocs documentary film festival. Over the course of its six days, the festival will show nearly 100 films from 42 countries. Selected from more than 1,700 submissions, nine of the films will see their world premieres at the festival, with another 10 seeing their U.S. or North American premieres.

The festival, sponsored by the American Film Institute and the Discovery Channel, is held at the AFI Theatre and Cultural Center in



Silver Spring.

Although the diversity of the films is apparent, several of this year's submissions are tied to religion, as "Beyond Belief: Religion, Politics and Film" is a theme of the festival.

These submissions include "Buddha's Lost Children," the story of a former boxing champion who becomes a monk and provides shelter for orphaned children in remote Thailand. Another religiously themed feature is "Orthodox Stance," a film about a young Ukrainian Jewish immigrant who finds a conflict between his suc-

cess in New York boxing gyms and his commitment to his Hasidic roots.

"The documentary form, which takes personal stories and launches them into the public arena, is the perfect medium in which to explore how deeply personal issues of faith are informing our public discourse," said Patricia Finneran, festival director.

Several local filmmakers are represented within the festival, including Washington Capitals majority owner Ted Leonsis, producer of the documentary "Nanking," about Westerners who helped save Chinese civilians from the invading Japanese army in 1937. Local filmmakers Sean and Andrea Fine will give "War/Dance" its Washington, D.C., debut. The film, which won documentary directing honors at Sundance, deals with young Ugandans in refugee camps who have been robbed of their childhoods after the country's civil war. In the face of their suffering, the annual Kampala music competition helps provide them with hope and a positive goal.

While admission to each film is \$10, the festival has two free musical documentary screenings at the outdoor Silver Spring Plaza. Thursday at 9 p.m., see Jonathan Demme's "Stop Making Sense," a 1984 concert film by the Talking Heads. Friday night at 9 p.m., the Plaza will show Demme's "Neil Young: Heart of Gold," which features Young playing with several of America's best roots musicians at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium. **DAN MILLER**

→ **AFI Silver Theatre**, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through Sun., \$10 per ticket, passes available; 301-495-6700, afi.com/silver/new/or/silverdocs.com/attend/tickets/

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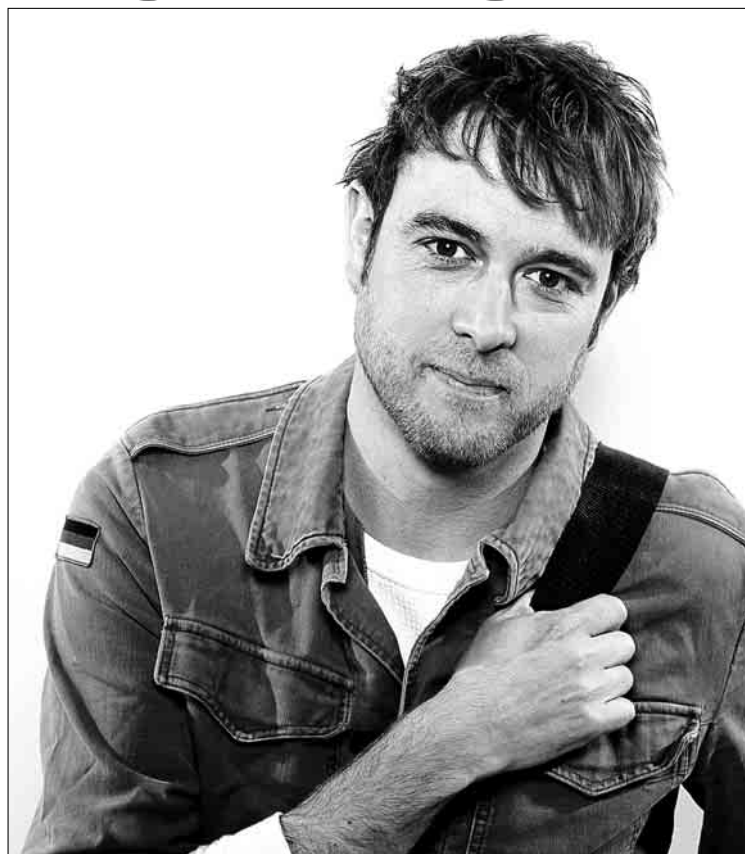
Making Virginia History

Scott Miller finds his roots and his rock in the Old Dominion

MUSIC | Roots-rocker and Virginia native Scott Miller is taking some time off from touring as an opening act for country superstar Patty Griffin to play a string of headlining dates with his band, the Commonwealth. Miller was the frontman for alt-country rockers the V-Roys, and has honed his earnest quasi-rockabilly country as a solo artist. He will spit some furious backroad rhymes on Thursday night at Iota in support of his new live album, "Reconstruction." Miller talked about the recording, his experiences as the house band and what makes the Old Dominion the best state in the union.

Why did you decide to release your live album now?

I kinda set a goal ... to get a record out in 2007. I realized I wasn't gonna get a studio record out in



SCHOOLTEACHER BLUES: Miller rejected a career in education for one in rocking.

'07. It was really about self-promotion more than anything artistic or anything. We recorded over three nights. The first night was pretty much all technical glitches, and the third night we were all too hungover to play.

How come you took the mics into a club rather than a studio?

All the live albums from the '70s are fake — the crowd is augmented, especially in the arenas. In a small club, you don't have to worry about getting the crowd, because they're right on top of you. That's what we went for with this.

What made your band such a good fit for "Blue Collar TV"?

We weren't. They hired us because the style of music we do on even one record varies so much that they thought we could do whatever they wanted us to do, which we could have, but they never used us to do much of anything.

You recently played at Jamestown's

400th anniversary — how was that?

I wonder why all my tax dollars got wasted, and I wonder where everyone was, and I wonder why they gave everyone the day off.

You're — usually — pretty proud of your origins. What makes Virginia so great?

We started the country. We just celebrated our 400th anniversary — we were here before the Puritans.

If you weren't doing music, what would you be doing with your American history degree?

I'd probably be teaching high school history, which is a threat I use to many audiences. Either buy this record and keep me in the music business, or I'm going to go into your high schools and teach your children — and you really don't want that. JASON KOEBLER (EXPRESS)

→ *Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; with Mic Harrison, Thu., 9 p.m., \$15; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)*

Rufus On Fire

The thinking hipster's dreamboat performs at a gay-friendly fest

MUSIC | "Cigarettes and chocolate milk," croons Rufus Wainwright on his 2001 album "Poses." "These are just a couple of my cravings. Everything it seems I like's a little bit stronger, a little bit thicker, a little bit harmful for me."

It is with lyrics such as these that listeners' love affairs with the Canadian-American artist begins. "Everything I like is bad for me, too," he or she thinks. "This guy must be on to something."

Indeed, it has always been Wainwright's knack at relating to us that makes audiences (and critics) adore him. He has the fearless and uncanny ability to verbalize what we are afraid to admit, or



Wainwright's musical family may have given him talent, but his style is his own.

didn't know we felt. That and his slightly nasal vibrato often layered over operatic, catchy piano melodies has made being a Rufus-ite one of life's easier tasks.

You can hear that voice live on Sunday when Wainwright joins headliner Cyndi Lauper, along with Debbie Harry, Erasure, the Dresden Dolls and comedian Margaret Cho in a gay-friendly festival at Merriweather Post Pavilion. Also surely on tap will be cuts from Wainwright's fifth album in a decade, the ambitious "Release the Stars."

On the opening track, Wainwright leads with the words, "Do I disappoint you, in just being human?" He exposes himself to us without an agenda. Never mind that he's a gay man living in a straight person's world. Or that he suffered from a debilitating crystal meth addiction. To Wainwright, problems are defined by their universal nature. "Do I disappoint you, in being just like you?" he asks. Au contraire, Rufus. We're honored.

KARMAH ELMUSA (EXPRESS)

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MUSIC | Cage match: Bruce Lee versus Tupac. Who wins? Neither — they both dead, muthasucka!

The Notorious MSG takes the title by default. Since forming several years ago in New York, the pan-Asian hip-hop trio has clambered out of the underground kitchens of Chinatown and into the spotlight. Although they occasionally still help out the family, these days they're going easy on the food service.

"For the most part, we spend our time working on the beats and tapping ass," said Down-Lo Mein, aka "D-Lo, the Yello Gigolo." "It's a busy schedule," added "Ringleader" Hong Kong Fever.

Unlike onetime gangstas who go legit when they blow up, MSG has not abandoned its pimpin'. Branching out from the Chinatown base they share with "Killing Machine" the Hunan Bomb, "we started to



MEAT THE BAND: Sailing close to the wind stereotype-wise hasn't stopped this trio from pounding out booty-shaking beats.

expand, reaching into Soho a bit, and Chelsea — the girls in Chelsea, that is," explained Fever, sounding

only slightly like the product of a bleary night involving Triumph the Insult Comic Dog and a compliant

Shar-Pei.

Saturday night at Love, MSG changes up its spring line, putting

a little muscle behind p.i.n.k. vodka. Enhanced with caffeine and guarana, "the world's perfect party spirit™" promises to loosen up the ladies yet keep them conscious ...

...making them the perfect audience for "Dim Sum Girl," the touching ballad Hong Kong Fever sings to the one that got away. MSG scoffed at the idea that showing "a little sensitive side" could tarnish the heavy rep of a group whose latest EP, "Lunch Money," finds it collaborating with New Jersey metal-meisters Satanicide.

"The women never accuse us of not being hard enough, if you know what I mean," Fever said.

On its Web site, the group promises to "prolapse the nation's capital." Asked for clarification, Fever launched into an extended biological metaphor that is simply unfit for underage commuters reading this on the way to Montessori.

But know this: MSG will rock us hard. We will take all they can deliver. And about an hour later, as though we had never been rocked at all, we will wish to be rocked again.

Good thing there are leftovers.

GLENN DIXON

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Tight Focus on Rap Celebrity

Jonathan Mannion passionately records decades of hip-hop

GALLERIES | Since his first Jay-Z album jacket — he's done them all, minus Jay-Z's latest release — photographer Jonathan Mannion has become the most sought-after lens jockey in the industry. And while his sights extend beyond the scope of urban music, Mannion discussed his show at the Govinda Gallery and how he helped to define an era of music history.

Does the Govinda show focus on celebrity portraits?

I'd say yes, but I don't have a typical approach to celebrities. ... They know that my perspective is a little bit different than anyone else because of my passion for the hip-hop movement.



STAR POWER: A portrait of Jay-Z depicts the mogul as a grid series of grays.

Talk about access.

That access was the catalyst for me understanding what contribution I could make. I have such a stud-

ied and educated perspective and a real foundation visually to be able to elevate the quality of the photography in that genre.

Thought you'd get a little less bling in the shot, huh?

Let somebody take a chance. For once, don't lean against the car with the girl with her ass half out holding the pit bull. God, enough!

How do you take the photos to a more personal level?

When you look at it, make sure there's a story in there. I always try to put the details in that reveal more of a story. That's why I like to go to people's foundations.

Any chance you'll be slowing down on the urban music scene soon?

I'm still growing with it. I'm still as hungry. I feel a responsibility to make people upgrade what they're thinking. DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

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Scandinavian Swing

Three ensembles are bringing Nordic jazz in from the cold

MUSIC | Save the best for first. That has to be the reason In the Country is opening the Nordic Jazz festival at the House of Sweden on Friday rather than headlining it. (That the trio is Norwegian, rather than Swedish, probably has something to do with it, too.)

No stinky gloves to the faces of the Jens Winther European Quintet (Denmark), the Ilmilieki Quartet (Finland) and the Peter Asplund Quartet (Sweden), either. All are extremely strong acts, covering the jazz spectrum, from mainstream swing (Winther and Asplund) to gorgeous folky modernism (Ilmilieki), and House of Sweden's

rooftop audience will experience an evening of stunning sounds to accompany the on-high view across the Potomac.

But only In the Country has developed a musical language all its own — call it “Nynorsk” (New Norwegian).

The trio of Morten Qvenild (piano), Roger Arntzen (bass) and Pål Hausken (drums) call on the pastoral traditions of Norwegian jazz — aka “mountain music” — but In the Country also adds enough darkness to its sound that even at its most serene there's a palpable tension in the band's songs. And “songs” is a key word for In the Country's second CD, “Losing Stones, Collecting Bones” (Rune Grammofon).

“I was trying to develop the songwriting from the first album [“This Was the Pace of My Heart-



CLOTHES CALL: In the Country shows the House of Sweden some Norwegian style.

beat”],” Qvenild said, “and make it even more current to the things that interest me: pop music and more rock music, more tight kinds of music. And bring this into a piano trio.”

“Losing Stones” is more romantic than its predecessor, though both are beyond lovely. Like countryman Tord Gustavsen, Qvenild taps into deep emotions with simple phrases, letting the silence speak and communicating through tightly controlled band dynamics.

“A clearer album. Not so much jazz as the first one; it's more songs” is how Qvenild described the new CD. “It was even more important to orchestrate the songs to give them variations. But me as a musician is into more of the simple stuff. So maybe that's why you think it's more romantic; it's very attached to some kind of beauty, but I also try to have some kind of danger.”

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

→ *House of Sweden, 901 30th St. NW; Fri., 6:30 p.m., sold out; 202-467-2600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

DANCE | WOMEN ON TOP



LOIS GREENFIELD

FEMINIST MOVEMENT: CityDance Ensemble celebrates women in the arts at the Strathmore with a program of the D.C.-based troupe's athletic, expressive, vigorous works. Friday's lineup includes Sophie Maslow's justly beloved “Dust Bowl Ballads” with music by Woody Guthrie.

The View From Above

Jean Genet's scathing play 'The Balcony' satirizes the powerful

STAGE | Banned books get a lot of attention — everyone wants to know what all the fuss is about.

Yet “The Balcony,” the play by French provocateur Jean Genet, hasn't received as much notice as other forbidden works. Genet's 1951 play was originally banned in the United States as obscene and subversive, although it was later adapted into a movie starring Shelley Winters and became an off-Broadway mainstay.

Although the ban has since been lifted, Scena Theater's production of “The Balcony” at the Warehouse Theatre is the play's first professional production in the nation's capital. It's odd, since the play aims to question the legitimacy of the power and influence so many Washingtonians crave.

“It's one of the great plays that everyone knows about but no one has seen,” director Robert McNamara said. “I hope we can rectify that.”



SAFE HOUSE: In “The Balcony,” the rich frolic in a brothel while revolution rages.

The play is set in a brothel where men live out fantasies of power and prestige. One man gets off on dressing like a priest and pretending to absolve women of their sins. (He muses aloud about the source of a priest's authority and power while ... his hands are busy.) While a revolution rages, the men inside the brothel are elevated into the powerful figures they emulate after their idols are killed.

The play throws jabs at the church, the state, the courts and conventional sexuality. McNamara said Genet's political critiques endure, even though the play was written more than 50 years ago.

“He was a very politically sided writer — we don't have too many of those anymore,” McNamara said.

GABE NELSON (EXPRESS)

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Jazz Gets a New Voice

Scat star Kurt Elling applies erudition to great instrumentals

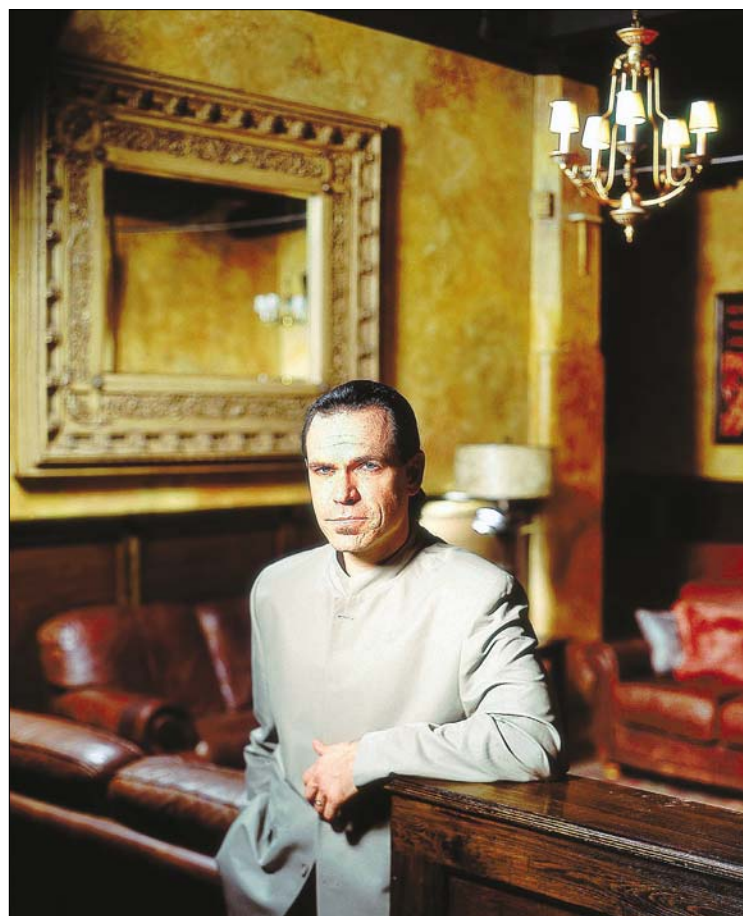
MUSIC | It's interesting that Kurt Elling, a man who can claim a string of distinguished and erudite discs, views his newest one, "Nightmoves," as his first concept album.

As in other landmark Elling albums like "Man in the Air" and "The Messenger," "Nightmoves" finds the singer investigating rich, sometimes obscure, poetry and pop tunes, and powering his grainy baritone through cherry-picked jazz compositions that have

been known mostly as instrumentals.

This time around, Elling tackles poets Walt Whitman ("The Sleepers") and Theodore Roethke ("The Walking"), applies lyrics to Keith Jarrett's "Leaving Again" and gives the Guess Who's "Undun" a jazz-soul makeover.

Although the atmospheric storyline for "Nightmoves" loosely involves a man's nocturnal search for true love, Elling says the biggest impetus for his artistic growth has been fatherhood. "It's a seismic shift in my consciousness. I'm definitely happier as a person and more relaxed and settled about things," he says. "I feel healed by being a



Kurt Elling draws upon a love of literature as well as vast musical knowledge.

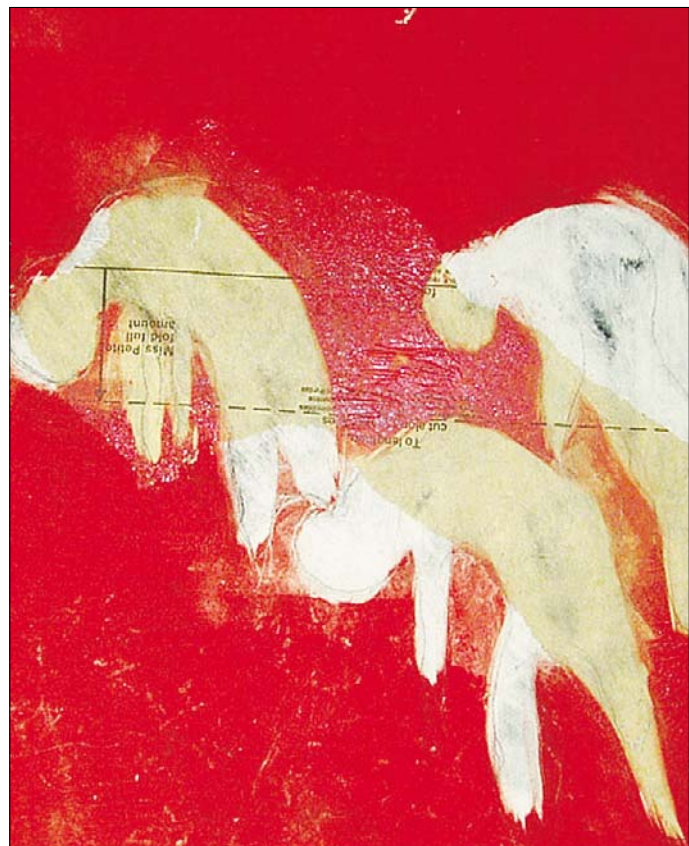
father. It puts different shadings in my writing or anything else that I'm doing."

A voracious bookworm, Elling extends the legacy of jazz hipsters like Jon Hendricks and Mark Murphy through the art of vocalese — applying lyrics to jazz instrumentals. "You have to have an interesting enough life to be able to write meaningful words to a jazz improvisation," Elling says. "You need to read a lot of books, have good conversations and practice writing all the time."

With his dapper good looks and penchant for onstage drama, Elling's act could easily tip over into the stylish theatrics of cabaret, but he has so far managed to stay on the jazz side of the line. "Cabaret tends to be a little bit more theatrical with little stories and a Great American Songbook sort of thing," he said. "Jazz is about the future, the next thing. It's about what has never been played before." JOHN MURPHY

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GALLERIES | LOSING THE BATTLE



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WHAT ROUGH BEAST: Painter and printmaker Ellyn Weiss thinks globally and acts locally with her series "Time of War," on display now at Nevin Kelly Gallery. These monoprints make dramatic and eloquent statements about the war in which we are currently engaged and all wars.

Chanson Is a Sure Bet

The French singer Patrick Bruel is holding all the cards

MUSIC | Patrick Bruel is a French actor, singer, political activist — and poker stud? C'est vrai. The handsome crooner has clocked close to a million bucks while bellied up to the felt.

It's nice to have a backup gig in case his artistic career goes kaput, but that's unlikely: Bruel's a superstar in France, with an appeal that stretches from fans of "Star Academy" (one of several Gallic "Idol"-type shows), on which he has guest-starred, to those who adore chanson, the beautifully moody and lyric-driven style of French music.

Born in Algeria in 1959 to French parents, Bruel's been at the top of the artistic food chain for about 25 years, alternating his film acting with sold-out tours in France and its current and former territories. But on Friday, the Paul Michael Glaser



ENCHANTÉ, MONSIEUR: The Gallic charmer is coming to the Lisner Auditorium.

look-alike makes the final appearance of his first U.S. tour. It was a brief affair, with gigs in the French-language-friendly locales San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami and New York, but it's a dream that's been a long time coming for Bruel.

While he has an extensive musical career from which to create his set list, Bruel will likely draw material from his fab 2006 CD, "Des souvenirs devant..." an open and personal album from the relatively

new daddy to two sons.

The album mixes folk and '60s pop with modern production, but at its core is Bruel's passionate voice, which is manly and robust, but he uses it with the sort of subtle savoir faire that marks the finest chanson singers. Bet on being charmed.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

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At the Big Kids' Table

The writers of the hit 'Ocean's Thirteen' are Hollywood darlings

HIGH ROLLERS | George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Don Cheadle and Andy Garcia are among the familiar faces who are in for another big heist in "Ocean's Thirteen."

Joining the crew on this third outing are Brian Koppelman and David Levien.

Who?

Koppelman and Levien are the writers behind this adventure. They hit a career jackpot 10 years

ago with the poker-themed drama "Rounders," their first screenwriting effort, and have been in the game ever since.

While they may not be household names, the writers are highly regarded in Hollywood. After "Rounders," the native New Yorkers co-wrote and co-directed the 2001 crime drama "Knockaround Guys." They also produced Neil Burger's conspiracy drama "Interview With the Assassin" and Burger's critically acclaimed period piece "The Illusionist."

After "Ocean's Twelve" got a critical drubbing for drifting too far from the lighthearted fun of



HITTING THE JACKPOT: The partial cast of "Ocean's Thirteen" enjoys the lights of Las Vegas again, thanks to screenwriters Brian Koppelman and David Levien.

2001's "Ocean's Eleven" (a remake of the 1960 crime caper starring Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack), "Ocean's Thirteen" aims to get back

to basics.

Koppelman says the filmmakers decided early on to set "Ocean's Thirteen" in Las Vegas. "They had

that in mind for sure," he says. "That's kind of where it was born, and we all agreed it would be great to get back to Vegas."

Koppelman and Levien toured several Vegas casinos for their "Ocean's Thirteen" research. The pair was even allowed to visit a casino "count room." "There were clear garbage bags stacked to the ceiling, full of hundred-dollar bills," adds Koppelman.

While writers are usually low on the Hollywood totem pole, Koppelman and Levien were treated respectfully on the set of "Ocean's Thirteen." Producer Jerry Weintraub even invited them into the exclusive "Ocean's Club," a hangout on the set where everybody mingled during breaks. He also gave Koppelman and Levien coveted Ocean's Club cards, which states, "You are a lifetime member, but if any one of us sees any other member any place in the world and you don't have your card with you, you buy the drinks." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Ocean's Thirteen

The details, the plots, the stratagems, the counter-stratagems mount until the thing reaches a point of such over-plotted density it can't be penetrated.

STEPHEN HUNTER

2 Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End

This lavish spectacle illuminated by Johnny Depp's swishing pirate captain has its dull moments, but not many.

STEPHEN HUNTER

3 Knocked Up

This may be the first sex comedy about coping with its aftermath. It's not just rude, crude and outrageously funny, but a sophisticated meditation on moral agency — with pot jokes.

ANN HORNADAY

4 Surf's Up

Despite the overexposed avian cast, this is a nifty family movie with enough of a new-old look and fresh vocal talent to make it a refreshing break from summer retreads.

ANN HORNADAY



COWABUNGA: The penguins of "Surf's Up" rode their debut weekend to No. 4.

5 Shrek the Third

This movie manages to be something of a paradox: It contains two self-canceling polarities: It's (a) quite funny and (b) quite bad.

STEPHEN HUNTER

6 Hostel II

Eli Roth's all-girls sequel to his surprisingly smart 2005 gorefest was not screened for critics.

7 Mr. Brooks

The movie is flawed by twists, twists and more twists, but what compels are the dynamics between old pros Kevin Costner and William Hurt.

STEPHEN HUNTER

8 Spider-Man III

Overlong, visually incoherent, mean-spirited and often just plain awful, this sequel ends up a tangled web of special-effects overkill and self-indulgence.

ANN HORNADAY

9 Waitress

Keri Russell has a fine turn as the title character in writer/director/co-star Adrienne Shelly's witty fable.

PAUL FARHI

10 Disturbia

Despite its seeming predictability, this thriller takes enough turns to keep you guessing.

JOHN MAYNARD

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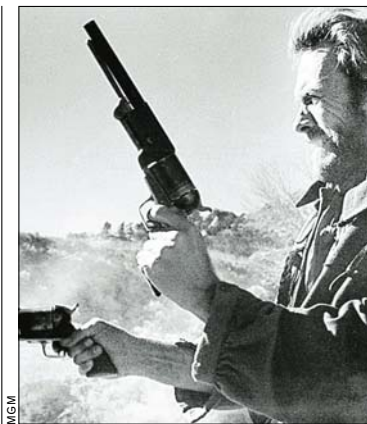
Waning-Day Westerns

Every Friday through the end of August, Rosslyn lights up Gateway Park with its outdoor film festival featuring the early Westerns of American icon Clint Eastwood. This weekend's offering is "Hang 'Em High," and there's much more to look forward to in the weeks to come, including "High Plains Drifter," "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" and "Unforgiven." The films take place rain or shine.

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Be Bar: "4her Ladies Night," hottest r&b/hip-hop/house and reggaeton, 9 p.m., free.

Birchmere: Cassandra Wilson with Cyrus Chesnut, Reginald Veal, Herlin Riley, 7:30 p.m., \$49.50.

Black Cat: The Big Cats, 8 p.m., \$8 (backstage).

Blues Alley: The Yellowjackets, 8 & 10 p.m., \$27.50.

Bohemian Caverns: Reginald Cyntje, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Crossroads: DJ Majestic (dancehall and hip-hop), 10 p.m., \$20, ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: The Parlour Scouts, Tippy Canoe and the Paddlemen, the Chaos of Birds, \$8.

Iota: Scott Miller and the Commonwealth, Mic Harrison, 9 p.m., \$15.

Jammin' Java: The Iternals, the Transmitters, Ben + Vesper, 8 p.m., \$10.

Love: "College Night," 9 p.m., \$20, free before 10 p.m. (18 and over), free before 11:30 p.m. (21 and over) with pass from lovetheclub.com.

Mirrors: "Phat Thursdays," 9 p.m., \$10 for men, ladies free.

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→ FRIDAY

Apex: Rotating DJ schedule, VJ Mark Hawkins, 9 p.m., \$9.

Bangkok Blues: The Once-lers 7 p.m., Gypsy Sons, 10 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Be Bar: "Be: rewind" ('80s & '90s hits), 9 p.m., \$5.

Birchmere: 1964: The Tribute, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: Junior League (CD release), a Fine Frenzy, Essie Jain 9 p.m., \$10. "Oops! I Did It Again Dance Party": DJs Will Eastman and Brian Billion, 9:30 p.m., \$6.

Blues Alley: The Yellowjackets, 8 & 10 p.m., \$27.50.

Bohemian Caverns: Nasar Abadey, Supernova, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Crossroads: "Escape" (happy hour and dance party), 5 p.m., \$15 before 11 p.m., \$20 after.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5.

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Swinging Night:

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Jaxx: Azrael, Against the Fall, A Time to Mourn, Headache, Convalescence, the Automatics, Accomplish, 6:15 p.m., \$12 (\$10 in advance).

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Ana Milosavljevic, violinist, 6 p.m., free.

Love: Summer Heat, 7 p.m., \$20.

Mirrors: Lissen Band, 7 p.m., \$20 for men, ladies free before 8 p.m., \$15 after.

9:30 Club: The Speaks, Bob, Revel, Of Broken, 8 p.m., \$12.

The Red & the Black: The Anabolics, the Electricutions, Impulse, Yell Country, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Re:sonance DJ's: Context and Balance, 9:30 p.m., free.

State Theatre: Lee "Scratch" Perry,

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9 p.m., \$20.

Twins Jazz: Jim Snidero, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

Velvet Lounge: Morning Pages, Golden Bear, Bliss, 8 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Warehouse Next Door: Exotic Fever records party with Mass Movement of the Moth, New Idea Society, Den of Thieves, Kathy Cashel, Worn in Red, A Study in Her, 9 p.m., \$6-\$9.

Zanzibar: Happy Hour and Dance Party, free before 8 p.m., \$20 after.

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Be Bar: "Be: bad" (top 40 dance remixes) featuring DJ Rob Diaz, 9 p.m., \$5.

Birchmere: Alex Bugnon, 7:30 p.m., \$29.50.

Black Cat: Mousetrap Britpop Dance Night, 9:30, \$10. Around the World in 80 Beats: DJ Neville Chamberlain, 9:30, free.

Blues Alley: The Yellowjackets, 8 & 10 p.m., \$27.50.

Bohemian Caverns: Nasar Abadey, Supernova, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Concerts on the Woodrow Wilson Plaza: Lissen Band, Awthentik and the Fif, These United States, the BPMs, 2 p.m., \$10.

Crossroads: Pan Jam, 3pm, Energy Saturday, 10 p.m., \$20, ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DAR Constitution Hall: New Edition, KC and Jojo, 7 & 11 p.m., \$75.

DC9: Practically Einstein, the Waylons, Justin Trawick, Greg Roth, 9 p.m., \$8, free before 11 p.m.

Iota: Last Train Home, 9 p.m., \$13.

Jammin' Java: Melissa Ferrick, Carsie Blanton, 8 p.m., \$20-\$25.

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Distorted Self Image, 3:15 p.m., \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: NSO and National Conducting Institute's debut conductors, 6 p.m., free.

Love: Notorious MSG, 9 p.m., \$20.

Mirrors: Reminisce Band, 9 p.m., \$10.

9:30 Club: Washington Social Club, Bigger Than Your Boyfriend, the Dance Party,

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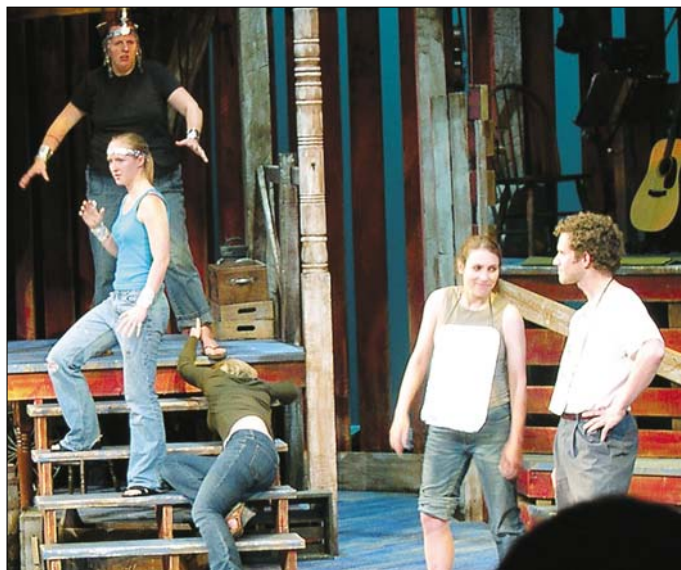
The Red & the Black: Moxie Motive, People Noise, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: VHS or Beta 9:30 p.m., free before 10 p.m., \$10 after.

Schlesinger Concert Hall: United States Marine Chamber Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., free.

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(I) 1:00, 4:20, 7:30
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(I) 12:30, 4:00, 7:20
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN:
AT WORLD'S END (PG-13)
(I) 3:00, 7:00
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10:05 am, 12:20, 2:45, 4:50, 7:40, 9:45
PARIS, JE T'AI ME (R)
9:40 am, 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:50, 10:05
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(PG-13) 9:30 am, 12:40, 3:50, 7:10, 10:10
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2:40, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50
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2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
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1:20, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
PARIS, JE T'AI ME (R)
1:45, 4:20, 9:40
ONCE (R)
1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
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FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG) ✓
12:01 AM
HOSTEL: PART II (R) ✓ 2:15, 2:40, 4:45, 5:10, 7:10, 8:05, 9:45, 10:25
OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00,
7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:30
SURF'S UP (PG) ✓ 1:45, 2:10, 2:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45,
9:05, 9:45, 10:15
KNOCKED UP (R) 1:15, 1:20, 4:10, 4:20, 7:05, 7:10, 10:00, 10:05
KNOCKED UP (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
MR. BROOKS (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30
BUG (R) 6:50, 9:30
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)
1:00, 2:05, 3:05, 3:45, 4:40, 5:40, 6:40, 7:20, 8:20, 9:15
SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 1:50, 3:00, 4:25, 5:25, 6:55, 7:55, 9:20, 10:20
28 WEEKS LATER (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15
SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10

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GRACIE (PG13) 1:10, 3:55
WAITRESS (PG13) 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40

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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT
WORLD'S END (PG13) 3:30, 7:15
FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG) ✓
12:01 AM
HOSTEL: PART II (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30,
10:30
SURF'S UP (PG) ✓ 1:25, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:25
KNOCKED UP (R) 1:40, 3:40, 4:40, 6:45, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30
KNOCKED UP (R) 3:40, 6:45, 9:50
MR. BROOKS (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)
2:45, 4:15, 6:30, 8:00
SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 1:05, 2:20, 3:15, 4:45, 5:40, 8:05, 10:05, 10:25
SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
FRACTURE (R) 10:15 PM

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WAITRESS (PG13) 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30

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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT
WORLD'S END (PG13) 2:50, 6:50, 10:20
FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG) ✓
12:01 AM
HOSTEL: PART II (R) ✓ 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50
OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) ✓ 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30,
6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:20
SURF'S UP (PG) ✓ 12:50, 2:00, 3:00, 4:20, 5:20, 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 10:00
KNOCKED UP (R) 1:25, 2:20, 4:25, 5:20, 7:25, 8:20, 10:25
MR. BROOKS (R) 2:05, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)
1:00, 1:50, 4:40, 5:40, 8:40, 9:20
SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 1:10, 2:25, 3:45, 4:55, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45
SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG13) 1:00, 3:10, 4:10, 6:30, 7:20, 9:40, 10:25

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GRACIE (PG13) 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:30
WAITRESS (PG13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

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CRAZY LOVE (PG13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:50
WAITRESS (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10
AWAY FROM HER (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:40
PARIS, JE T'AI ME (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:20
ONCE (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00
THE VALET (PG13) 2:00, 4:10, 7:00
THE NAMESAKE (PG13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:30

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WORLD'S END (PG13) 1:10, 4:40, 8:10
FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG) ✓
12:01 AM
HOSTEL: PART II (R) ✓ 2:25, 4:45, 6:40, 7:25, 9:10, 9:55
OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30,
7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
SURF'S UP (PG) ✓ 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:10
SURF'S UP (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
KNOCKED UP (R) 1:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:55, 7:00, 7:50, 10:00
MR. BROOKS (R) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)
2:40, 3:40, 6:10, 7:10, 9:40
SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 3:50, 4:50, 5:50, 6:20, 7:20,
8:20, 8:45, 9:45
SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:15, 10:20

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GRACIE (PG13) 1:55, 4:20
WAITRESS (PG13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT
WORLD'S END (PG13) 2:40, 6:20, 10:00
FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)
12:01 AM
HOSTEL: PART II (R) 3:20, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45
OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30
SURF'S UP (PG) 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50, 7:00, 8:10, 9:20, 10:35
SURF'S UP (PG) 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35
KNOCKED UP (R) 1:50, 4:55, 8:00, 10:50
MR. BROOKS (R) 3:00, 5:45, 8:40
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)
1:40, 3:40, 5:20, 7:20, 9:00
SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 1:35, 2:50, 4:10, 5:10, 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:10
SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG13) 3:25, 8:45
DALE - NCM EVENT (NR-NOT RATED) 7:30

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WAITRESS (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40

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HOSTEL: PART II (R) ✓ 5:45, 8:00
OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) ✓ 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
SURF'S UP (PG) ✓ 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30
KNOCKED UP (R) 4:30, 7:45
MR. BROOKS (R) 4:10, 7:15
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)
1:30, 5:30, 6:45, 9:15
SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 10:00
SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG13) 4:15, 7:30

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10:00, 10:35
OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:35, 4:35, 6:30, 7:30, 9:45,
10:35
SURF'S UP (PG) 12:00, 1:00, 2:10, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
KNOCKED UP (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
MR. BROOKS (R) 1:25, 4:10, 7:15, 10:05
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)
12:35, 4:05, 7:45, 10:15
SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 12:45, 1:45, 3:15, 4:15, 5:45, 6:45, 8:00, 9:15
SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG13) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40

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During the Brainfood Grill-Off, teams receive a pantry of ingredients and will have an hour to create a meal with the assistance of a Brainfood graduate and a professional chef from Zola, Zaytinya, Matchbox, Jaleo, Butterfield 9, Equinox or Clyde's.

For those who would rather watch than compete, tickets are available for \$75, which includes dinner and an open bar.

→ 700 F St. NW; June 28th, 6:30-9:30 p.m., 202-667-5515, brainfood.org.

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It Looks Good Enough to Eat

Step foot in Johnny's Half Shell this week to admire its new acquisition,

a painting from Mississippi-based artist Amy Evans. Evans, who was commissioned by Ann Cashion and John Fulchino to render the crab and oyster paintings that already hang in the restaurant, created the newest work after they had admired a painting of lemons on her blog, amycevans.com.

The first rendition of the painting was created in 2000, when Evans was inspired by the childhood memory of her grandfather's lemon drops. She revisited her work in 2005 after a trip to Sicily, adding the color and the number 21 — a reference to her experiences in printmaking as well as the numbered olive trees in a Sicilian grove she had visited. The acquisition at Johnny's Half Shell is the third in a series, created specifically for Cashion.

Evans, Cashion and Fulchino became friends through the Southern Foodways Alliance, an organization based in Oxford, Miss., that chronicles the culture of Southern cuisine through writings, photography, film and symposia. Evans is a photo historian for the organization, and Cashion is on the board of directors.

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Eating New, 3 Ways

D.C. kitchens are in for a boost, thanks to a trio of young chefs

YOUNG FIRE | Three District chefs have recently inherited head positions in new kitchens — new to them, anyway.

Michael Hartzer, 32, faces the task of stabilizing Viridian in Logan Circle after a series of chefs have come and gone. Thirty-year-old Daniel Bortnick confronts the challenge of carrying on in the wake of John Wabeck at Dupont Circle's Firefly. And just this past week, 23-year-old Ryan Wheeler took on the title of executive chef at the newly opened Mio after John Paul Damato's unexpected departure.

One of Hartzer's tasks is to carve

a culinary identity for Viridian after a slew of chef changes. He says he's "creating my own style of food here," since owner Saied Azali has given him "complete and total creativity" with the menu. He also embraces simplicity, as i

llustrated in the menu's starters, "Sketches," "Elements" and "Major Works"—riffs on the building's other role as an art gallery. Look for spring and summer plates such as new beet panzanella, exotic mushroom with smoked paprika and manchego, and striped bass with celery puree, prosciutto and crab arabiata.

Like Hartzer, Bortnick has paid his dues in respected D.C. kitchens and learned from established chefs. So, when he took over the kitchen at Firefly, he knew that "gaining the confidence of the neighborhood



NEW LOOK: Ryan Wheeler is looking forward to bringing summer to Mio's menu.

would take a little while."

The most significant change he has made to the menu is to

rework it as a paean to "contemporary American comfort food." His summer menu will include

several of his favorites, including softshell crab that's lightly fried, served over arugula, basil, chickpeas and cucumbers, as well as a blueberry cheesecake with vanilla bean sorbet.

Wheeler is at the helm of the newly opened Mio with nods of approval from owner Manuel Iguina and former executive chef John Paul Damato. Wheeler's philosophy is to dazzle diners with unpretentious food they can relate to.

As he adjusts to city life — he's only been in the area for two months — he's planning summer dishes such as fried squash blossoms, a tomato terrine, pizza on the grill and mozzarella made in-house. "I'm glad I've arrived in time to use fruits and vegetables of the summer," he said.

MELISSA MCCART (EXPRESS)

→ *Viridian*, 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-1400.

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MY COFFEE IS SAD: The Washington Project for the Arts/Corcoran collaboration emphasizes site-specific, outdoor art that comments on the changes taking place along the 14th Street corridor and can be found between P and V streets. "SiteProjects DC" includes works by artists Mary Coble, Frantz Jantzen, the Workingman Collective, and Linda Hesh, above.



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Sight**Adamson Gallery:** “Pulp Fiction,” computer-generated art based on narrative, with works by R. Crumb, Kiki Smith, Renee Stout and others, through July 14. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-232-0707.**Addison/Ripley Fine Art:** “Perfect Competition,” a group show of six female artists, through July 28. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5180.**Alliance Francaise:** “New Abstracts by Michele de la Meardiere,” through June 20. 2142 Wyoming Ave. NW; francdc.org.**American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery:** “Saul Steinberg: Illuminations,” through June 24. “Passing Time: The Art of William Christenberry,” through July 8. “Temple of Invention: History of a National Landmark,”

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American Institute of Architecture: “America's Favorite Architecture,” through July 13. 1735 New York Ave., NW; 202-626-7300, aia.org.**Anne C. Fisher Gallery:** “Aaron Quinn

Brophy,” Brophy's abstract sculpture in life-sized figures, through June 29. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555, annecfishergallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Art Institute of Washington: “Exposure Group,” works by African-American photographers, through June 15. 1820 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington; 877-303-3771, artinstitutes.edu/arlington/.**Conner Contemporary Art:** “Aversion,” Mary Coble returns with an outraging and (literally) shocking new video- and performance-based show that exposes the trauma of “aversion therapy” to which gay and lesbians were subjected for decades, through June 30. “The Kudzu Project,” Matthew Sutton's installation of the voracious, fast-growing vine changes daily, through Aug. 1. 1730

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Ceramic Arts: "Bowled Over," a group show, through June 15. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-333-7970, crossmackenzieceramicarts.com.

Curator's Office: "Drawing Obsessions," lines, marks, scratchings — the stuff of drawings. But is it narrative? Through July 14. 1515 14th Street, 2nd floor; curatorsoffice.com.

District of Columbia Arts Center: "Kate Hardy: American Idolatry," the artist's fierce, witty response to the increasing commodification of art, opening reception Fri., 7-9 p.m., through July 8. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, www.dcartcenter.org.

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Dupont Pilgrims Art Gallery: "Through the Window: Insights Into the Spirituality of AIDS," through June. Church of the Pilgrim, 22nd & P streets NW.

Edison Place Gallery: "Looking Into Color: The Paintings of Leon Berkowitz," more than 30 works by the non-Color Field color-school artist, through June 28. 701 9th St. NW; 202-872-3396.

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The Embassy of Chile: "Emprendiendo Vuelos," paintings by Maria Elena Naveillan, through July 31. 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-530-4118, embassyofchile.org.

Flashpoint: "WPA/C Anonymous III," Washington Project for the Arts/Corcoran showcases the work of artworks by 100 local area artists, through June 23. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310, flashpointdc.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Shakespeare in American Life," depictions of how Shakespeare's works and legends have reflected the growth and culture of the United States, through Aug. 18. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

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G Fine Art: "Jose Ruiz, Vesna Pavlovic and Lisa Marie Thalhammer," drawings and photographic and media installations, through July 7. 1515 14 St. NW, Suite 200; 202-426-1601, gfineartdc.com.

Galerie Myrtis: "Laurie Monblatt: Recent Works," abstract paintings inspired by nature, through June 30. 500 9th St. SE; 202-548-7575, galeriemyrtis.com.

Gallery Neptune: "Colorfield.Remix at Gallery Neptune," through June 30. 4901 Cordell Ave, Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

LAST CHANCE Gallery Plan B: "Myanmar Contemporary Art," through June 17, 2007. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711, galleryplanb.com.

Goethe-Institute Washington: "Gute Aussichten," moving photographs from German graduate photography students, through June 29. 812 7th St. NW; 202-331-0590, www.goethe.de/ins/us/was/en2075010.htm.

Govinda Gallery: "Jonathan Man-nion: Photographs," snaps by one of the

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Heliport Gallery: "20901, 20902, 20903, 20904, 20906, 20910 Silver Spring Art," a collection of local artists, through June 22. 8001 Kennett St., Silver Spring; 301-562-1400.

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Hirshhorn Museum: "Ways of Seeing: John Baldessari Explores the Collection," Baldessari's installation unearths surprising works from the museum's holdings, through July 26. "Directions — Virgil Marti and Pae White" through July 29. "Wolfgang Tillmans," a major survey of the German artist's groundbreaking work in photography, video and installa-



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tions, through Aug. 12. "Black Box: Takeshi Murata," digitally manipulated animation, through Sept. 9. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

International Visions: "Places, Spaces, Moments in Time ...," Verna Hart's paintings depicting images of three decades, stylistically influenced by jazz, through June 30. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112, www.inter-visions.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "Rober Mellor: New Scenarios," the artist uses naturalistic elements juxtaposed with one another in deadpan, surrealistic, almost pure-design configurations, through June 30. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Japan Information and Culture Center: "Tokyo Girls Art Exhibition," an anime twist on traditional Japanese painting, through July 31. 1155 21st St. NW; 202-238-6949, embjapan.org.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Haddala and the Cartoons of Naju Al-Ali," the slain Palestinian cartoonist's scathing critiques, through Aug. 31. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.gallery.

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Katzen Art Center: "Diseno Shake-

spear," featuring works from the Argentinean graphic designer Ronald Shakespear, through June 24. Duane Hansen's

scarily life-like sculptures of people doing mundane things, through July 1. "Made in America: The Washington Print Club 19th Biennial," a group exhibit, through July 24. Mixed-media works by Baltimore's Laura Amussen, through July 29. "Resolutions: New Art From Northern Ireland," through July 29. "Jules Olitski: Late Sculpture," from the Cyclops series, through Aug. 19. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.

Kreeger Museum: "Gene Davis: Interval," perhaps the most famous Color School artist's signature stripes, through July 31. 2401 Foxhall Road NW; 202-338-3552.

Library of Congress: "On the Cutting Edge: Contemporary Japanese Prints," through June 30. "A Century of Creativity: The MacDowell Colony 1907-2007," music manuscripts and first editions from residents of this early American artists' colony, through Aug. 18. 101 1st St. SE; 202-707-8000, loc.gov/exhibits.

Long View Gallery: "Dana Ellyn: I Call Shenanigans," the local artist's signature demented kids and cartoonish colors go on display, opens Sat., through June 30. 1302 9th St. NW; 202-232-4788, longviewgallery.com.

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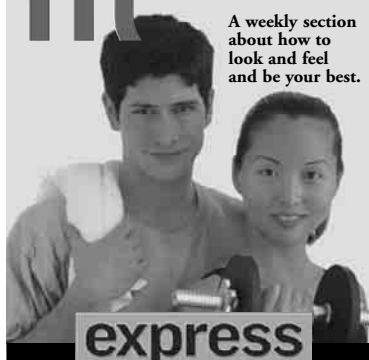
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National Building Museum: "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 30. "Reinventing the Globe: A Shakespearean Theater for the 21st Century," through Aug. 27. "Washington: Symbol and City," ongoing. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing, 401 F St. NW, 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

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National Geographic Museum: "National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure," a kid-friendly interactive exhibit about maps, charts and navigation, July 29. "Photo Camp 2006: Uganda," a powerful and moving series of photographs taken by young people, ages 12 to 20, of life in a Ugandan refugee camp, through Sept. 3. "Zakouma, Elephant Crisis in Chad," photographs by Michael Nichols show the extremes conservationists must go to in order to protect the last surviving Central African elephants from poachers. The exhibit is accompanied by eye-witness text from National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence J. Michael Fay, through Sept. 3. 17th and M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of African Art:

"African Vision: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Sept. 7, 2008. "Resonance From the Past," African sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art, ongoing. "Body of Evidence," contemporary African artists use the body, ongoing. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, www.nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Identity by Design: Tradition, Change and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses," explores the cultural expressions and artistic identity woven

into a collection of traditional dresses and accessories from various tribes of the American Indian, through Jan. 2. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-6985.

National Museum of Health and Medicine: Selections from permanent collections, ongoing. 6900 Georgia Ave. NW, AFIP, Building 54; 202-782-220, nmhm.washingtondc.museum.

National Museum of Natural History: "Orchids: Take a Walk on the Wild Side," a font of information about orchids and a

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National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Italian Women Artists From Renaissance to Baroque," a collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture by such artists as Artemisia Gentileschi, Lavinia Fontana and Elisabetta Sirani, through July 15. "The National Museum of Women in the Arts at 20: Selections From the Archives," photographs, original posters and historical objects as well as paintings, through Dec. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," images of the first female associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, through Oct. 8. "Portrait Now: Framing Memory," portraits of iconic figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Frida Kahlo, Jacqueline Kennedy, Cesar Chavez and Josephine Baker, through Jan. 6. 8th and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

National Postal Museum: "Trailblazers & Trendsetters: The Art of the Stamp," through Oct. 3. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-5500, postalmuseum.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Nevin Kelly Gallery: "Joan Belmar: Color Transparencies," through June 17. "Time of War," monoprints by Elyn Weiss, through June 30. 1517 U St. NW; 202-232-3464, nevinellygallery.com.

LAST CHANCE 9x10: Monthly through January, nine shows by 10 artists each from the Washington Project for the Arts/

Corcoran, through Fri. Mickelson's Fine Art Framing, 629 New York Ave. NW; wpaonline.org.

Phillips Collection: "American Impressionism: Paintings from the Phillips Collection," opens Sat., through Sept.

16. "Lyrical Color: Morris Louis, Gene Davis, Kenneth Noland and the Washington Color School," through July 29. 1600 21st St. NW; 800-551-7328, phillipscollection.org.

Prada Gallery: "La Revelacion," works by the local artist Antonio Ugarte, through July 17. "Lou Stovall," Color Field works from the celebrated Washington artists; "Carmen Jabaloyes," both through July. 1030 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-342-0067, pradagallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Project 4: "Navigable Zones," a site-specific work by Puerto Rican artist Nayda Collazo-Llorens about identity and duality, through June 16. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Randall Scott Gallery: "Industrials," Jackson Martin explores the natural world at the mercy of the manmade one; Michael Sandstrom works with petroleum-based materials to talk about surface beauty and harmful truths, through June 16. 1326 14th St. NW; 202-332-0806, randallscottgallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: "From the Ground Up: Craft Invitational 2007," the Renwick hosts an eclectic and decidedly un-crafts-fair group of artists in glass, ceramics and paper, through July 22. 17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu

LAST CHANCE Shigeko Bork Mu Project: "Meditation Rooms," Japanese tradition and modern life meet in the work of Yumi Kori and Shinji Turner-Yamamoto, through June 16. 1521 Wisconsin Ave. NW, #2; 202-333-4119, muproject.com.

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LAST CHANCE Studio Gallery: "Recreation — A Green Artist's View," artwork by Erwin Timmers made with recycled glass, through June 17. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

Textile Museum: "Red," the meaning, uses and history of the primary color, through July 8. "Architectural Textiles: Tent Bands of Central Asia," through Aug. 19. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilmuseum.org.

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"O-Sushi!," a solo exhibit by Lauren Miko, through June 30. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Touchstone Gallery:

"The Silent Observer," Michael Lang's perceptive street photography, through July 8. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

Transfomer Gallery:

"Not Only A, But Also B," this group exhibition by contemporary Japanese artists is half of the joint project "Big in Japan" with the Shigeko Bork Mu Project, through June 26. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102, transfomergallery.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden:

"Double Take: Photography by Keith Sharp," silver gelatin prints, Garden Court and West Gallery, through July 8. "Patterns in Nature: Photographs by Amy Lamb," oversized color close-ups of plants, West Orange-rie, through Sept. 9. "Celebrating America's Public Gardens," showcasing other botanic gardens from across the country, Conservatory Terrace and National Garden, through October 8. "A Pepper for Every Pot," about the many new varieties of pepper plants, Plant Exploration room, opens Sat., through Nov. 11. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

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New York Ave. NW; 202.639.1737.

WVSA ARTiculate Gallery: "ART in Bloom," portraits by artists with disabilities, opens Thu., through Aug. 9. 1100 16th St., NW; 202-261-0233, wvsarts.org.

Zenith Gallery: "What Remains: The American Landscape," Bradley Stevens' portraits of a changing country, through June 24. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

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The Balcony: Scena Theatre stages Jean Genet's absurdist masterpiece in which illusion and fantasy, society and transgression clash, through July 1, \$25-\$32. Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990, scenatheatre.org.

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Uzbek, Indian and Persian Dance performed by the Uzbek Dance and Culture Society, Sat., \$15. Gunston Theater One, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 301-585-1105, uzbekdance.org.

Hamlet: Michael Kahn stages the Bard's timeless story in an audacious modern-dress production, through July 29. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

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Silence: Syntetic Theater's odd, riveting silent production of Shakespeare's most famous tragedy, through Sun., \$30. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

The Lathe of Heaven: The Spooky Action Theater's production of an Ursula K. LeGuin work about reality-altering dreams, through June 24, free, donation suggested. Montgomery College, Black Box, Philadelphia (East-West Highway)

& Chicago avenues, Takoma Park; 202-248-0647, spookyaction.org.

Nest: The tragic 19th-century tale of the events surrounding the crime and death of Susanna Cox, the first woman to be hanged in Pennsylvania, through June 24. Signature Theatre, 2800 S. Stafford St., Arlington; 703-820-9771, sig-online.org.

Peter and Wendy: Avant-garde theater group Mabou Mines stages a multicultural musical version of "Peter Pan" with puppets, live actors and Celtic music, through June 24, \$56-\$75. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300, arenastage.org.

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Dead: Tom Stoppard's absurdist masterpiece takes a couple of minor characters from "Hamlet" into the stratosphere, through July 1, \$39-\$55. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Scenes From the Big Picture: The lives and interior worlds of 20 residents of Belfast converge and separate tapestry of Irish life from Owen McCafferty, through June 24, \$20. Catholic University, Callan Theatre, 3801 Harewood Road NE; 800-494-TIXS, solasna.org.

Sun., \$22-\$25. The Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008,

Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins: Nancy Robinette stars in the melodious travails of the society diva whose earsplitting caterwauling made her the (ironic) toast of 1930s New York, through July 1, \$39-\$55. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Summer of '42: The musical based on the coming-of-age novel and film about teens learning life lessons, through June 24, \$25-\$55. Round House Theatre Bethesda, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-1100, roundhousetheatre.org.

Summer Run: Washington Improv Theatre's collection of improv shows based on audience suggestion, through July 13, \$10-\$15. Flashpoint's Mead Theatre Lab, 916 G St., NW; 202-315-1318, washingtonimprovtheater.org.

LAST CHANCE The Tempest: Aaron Posner directs Shakespeare's last play, about magic, family and the waning of power, through Sun., \$25-\$33. Folger Theatre, 201 E. Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

WEEKENDS ONLY What's a Wolf to Do? A forest of fairy tales from "Little Red Riding Hood" to "The Three Little Pigs," through June 24, Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., \$8. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md.; 301-320-5331, adventuretheatre.org.

The Witches of Eastwick: Three hexing housewives brew up naughtiness in the musical based on John Updike's novel, through July 15, \$38-\$63. Signature Theatre, 2800 S. Stafford St., Arlington; 703-820-9771.

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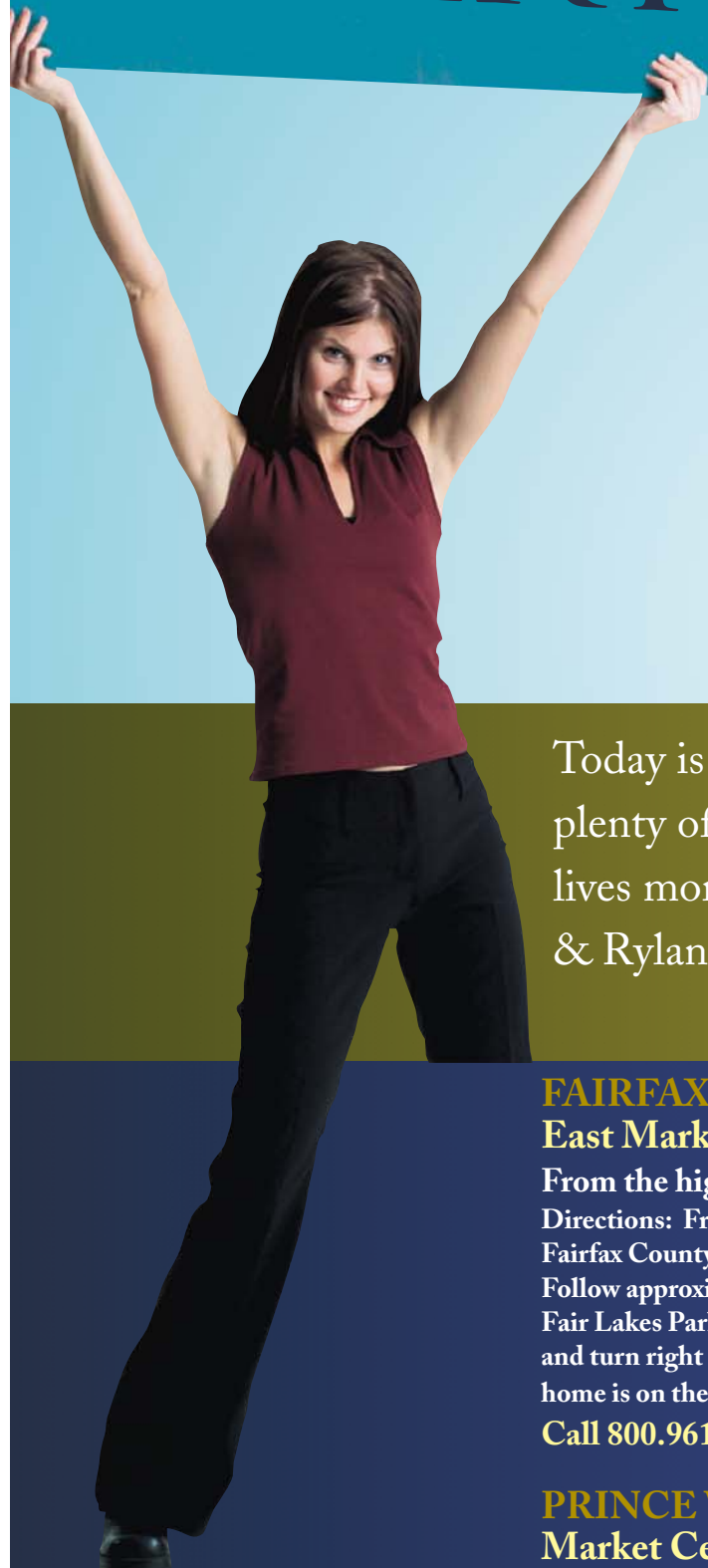
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